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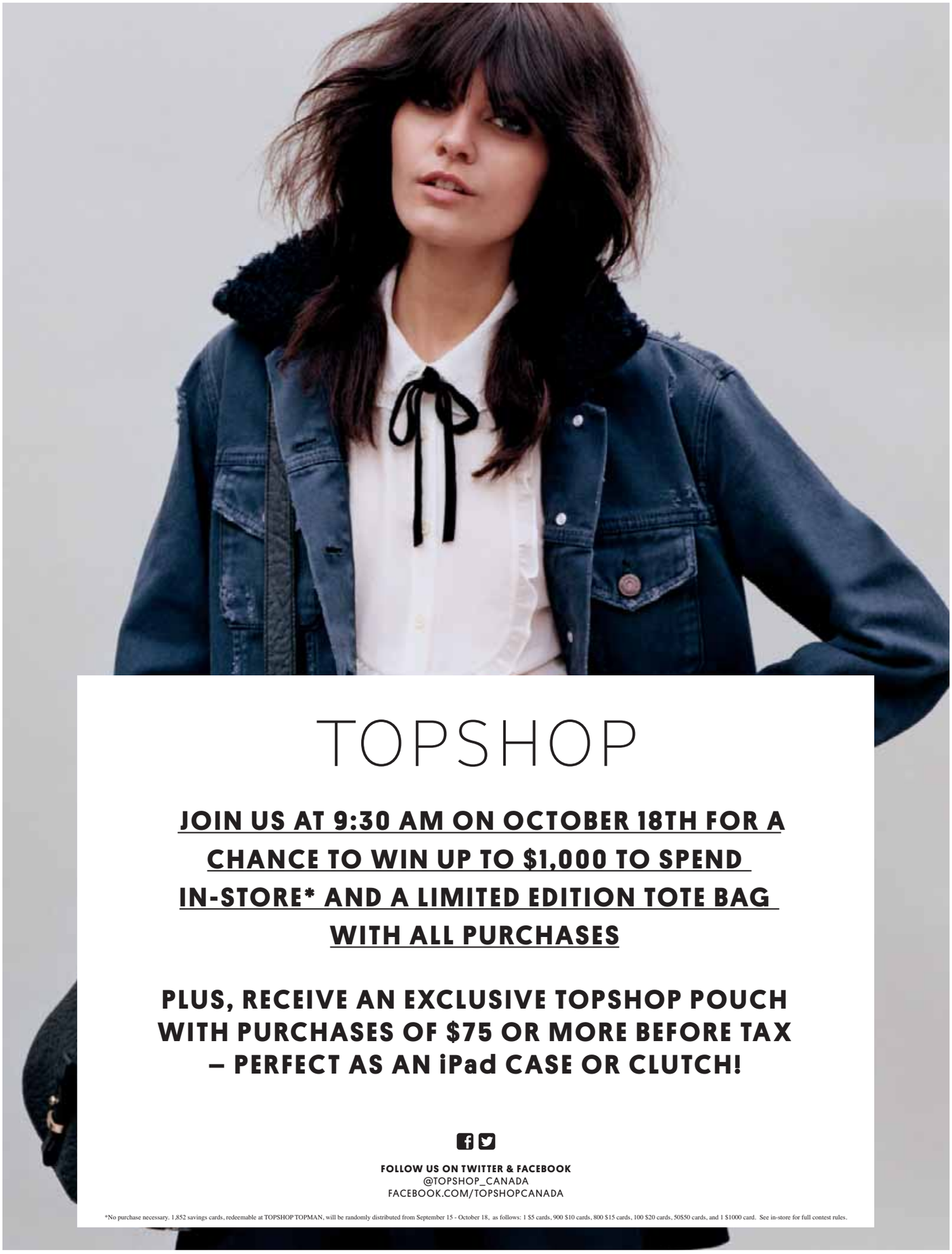

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Peace Arch guard shot

Border shooting. Female Canadian officer suffers serious injuries, shooter turns gun on himself

A female Canadian border guard was shot at one of the busiest crossings in Canada on Tuesday and the gunman died after apparently turning his weapon on himself, RCMP say.

The Douglas border crossing, known better as the Peace Arch crossing, was closed in both directions Tuesday afternoon.

"The first report at the scene revealed that a male, a lone male, had shot an officer in her booth," said Cpl. Bert Paquet.

"At the instant following the shooting of the officer, the lone male had been pronounced dead at the scene from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound."

Paquet said the officer's condition isn't known, but she was breathing when she was loaded into an air ambulance. He said it appeared she'd been shot in the neck and her injuries were serious.

"We haven't confirmed the identity of the suspect yet. He was entering Canada in a vehicle (bearing) a Washington plate."

Vic Toews, minister of public safety, said in a statement he was deeply concerned at the news.

"This event is a sobering reminder of the dangerous conditions faced daily by the men and women of our law-enforcement agencies as they work to protect the safety and security of Canadians."

A spokeswoman with the Canada Border Services Agency said traffic was being diverted around the crossing.

Glen Pederson, a local resident, said he heard two gunshots in the afternoon but didn't think much of the noise.

"I thought it was these guys next door, it's a construction site. There's a house being built here, there's been all kinds of banging going on for days and weeks." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Heavy traffic

The Peace Arch border point is the third-busiest crossing between Canada and the United States.

- An average of 3,500 cars pass through the crossing on a slow day, and during peak periods about 4,800 vehicles will move through the border.

Paramedics attend to an injured Canadian border guard at Peace Arch crossing Tuesday afternoon following a shooting. CURTIS KREKLAU/FOR METRO

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Cautious spending

Why so stingy? TransLink defends budgeting

TransLink says it would be hesitant about spending more freely in response to a provincial audit that calls the transit authority too "conservative."

The Ministry of Finance's audit, released Tuesday, says TransLink could save an additional $41 million a year if it took steps to adopt a "less-conservative approach to budgeting" by eliminating $30 million in average annual surpluses and not putting money into sink funds used to pay down TransLink's debt.

Other recommendations include further cutting of bus routes and converting some contracted positions into employee positions.

TransLink's proposed 2013 Base Plan, which has already been scaled back to find $98 million in savings, must be finalized by Nov. 1 and board chair Nancy Olewiler said it's too late to change service levels.

As for the suggestion TransLink is too fiscally conservative, Olewiler defended the transit authority's approach.

She asked what would happen if gas-tax revenues continue to decrease while TransLink siphons money out of its contingency funds.

"I would be cautious with that approach," said Olewiler of the recommendation. "What risk profile does that community want us to take on?"

She said TransLink needs time to review the suggestions and would "take a good hard look" at any plan that involves lowering standards.

Both TransLink and the province agreed that the suggestions don't offer a long-term solution to TransLink's funding woes.

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People gather at a memorial honouring teen Amanda Todd in Maple Ridge on Monday. Todd, a victim of bullying, took her own life last Wednesday.
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'Despicable' scams emerge after suicide

Amanda Todd publicity. Police deal with false rumours and persistent cyber-bullying

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The team of 20 to 25 Mounties investigating the suicide of Amanda Todd has been overwhelmed trying to dispel rumours and false information while following up on thousands of tips that have poured in since Friday, RCMP say.

Sgt. Peter Thiessen said Tuesday allegations that a man identified by vigilante hacker group Anonymous was the troubled teen's tormenter are unfounded. He would not say whether police continue to investigate the Metro Vancouver resident.

One rumour that he said caused extreme distress to Todd's family and distracted investigators for hours was that a photo of her autopsy had been leaked online.

A BC Coroners Service spokeswoman told Metro Tuesday there was and will not be an autopsy since the cause of death was clear. She also said there is no obvious or easy way anyone could have taken a photo of Todd's body after her death, and the photos investigators turned up did not look like her.

Thiessen added people are also trying to use the Port Coquitlam teen's story to do harm or make profit by setting up a number of fake websites and accounts that claim to be fundraising for Todd's family.

"Taking advantage of a family's grief is despicable," he said, noting the family has set up a real account to handle unsolicited donations from people who were touched by the story. Anyone who is interested can make a donation at any RBC branch to the Amanda Todd Trust Account.

Thiessen encouraged the public to think critically about information received online before spreading it.

Todd, who was 15, killed herself last Wednesday after enduring years of sexual exploitation, blackmail, bullying and physical assaults. A nine-minute video she posted on YouTube a month before her death explained how she spiralled into anxiety and depression and engaged in drug and alcohol abuse as a result.

Online resources

For information on cyber-bullying, visit cyberbullying.ca or to report online child sexual exploitation visit cybertip.ca.

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Nobel laureate says oilsands undermine women's needs

Activism. Jody Williams also urges Canadians to oppose Canada-China agreement

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Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jody Williams and a delegation of women activists called on the federal government Tuesday to assess the cumulative impact of oilsands expansion following an eight-day tour through affected communities.

Speaking at a Vancouver hotel, Williams, who won the Nobel in 1997 for her work to ban landmines around the globe, said the increasing pace of expansion is undermining the basic needs of women and children.

She and other activists talked to more than 200 women in Alberta and B.C. affected by cancers, polluted air and changing precipitation patterns.

"People keep saying that they only want to look at the impact of a particular project proposal, not what is happening over time," she said, referring to hearings over the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline. "That's a convenient way to make it seem less."

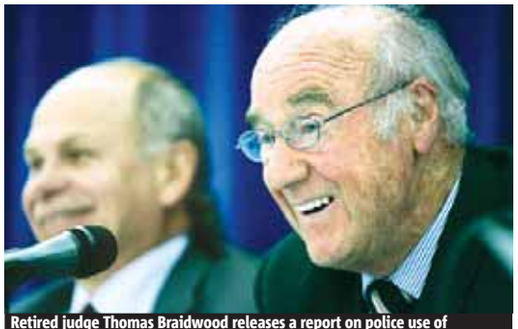
The chair of the Nobel Women's Initiative, a group of women Nobel Peace laureates, also urged Canadians to rise up and oppose the Canada-China Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement.

The agreement, which is similar in structure to the North American Free Trade Agreement, was signed in Russia last month and will come into effect without debate in Parliament by Nov. 1.

Osgoode law Prof. Gus Van Harten, who specializes in international investment law, wrote in the Toronto Star Sept. 29 that the agreement will allow Chinese companies with ownership of Canadian assets to sue Canada if they believe a decision violates flexible standards of investor protection.

Jody Williams, centre, addresses Vancouver media at the Westin Bayshore Tuesday alongside Indigenous Environmental Network activist Kandi Mossett, left, and U.S. sustainability expert Chris Page. KATE WEBB/METRO

Former inquiry chair 'impressed' with response to Taser report



Retired judge Thomas Braidwood releases a report on police use of conducted-energy weapons in B.C. in July 2009. JEFF HODSON/METRO FILE

The former judge who oversaw the public inquiry into the death of Robert Dziekanski says he's "very impressed" with the British Columbia government's response to his report, which he argues has struck the appropriate balance between the benefits of the stun guns and the very real risks associated with their use.

Thomas Braidwood, who oversaw a two-part public inquiry into Dziekanski's death and Taser use, appeared in Victoria on Tuesday at a legislative committee examining the controversial stun guns.

Braidwood walked the committee through many of the recommendations from his June 2009 report on Tasers, which concluded the weapons can kill and called for restrictions on their use.

In each case, he said he was satisfied with how the government implemented those recommendations.

"I've been very impressed with the province's response to what I have said."

"The tragic events that led to my two inquiries demanded prompt government action. Conducted-energy weapons in British Columbia were at that time poorly regulated.... Today, there is good reason for the public to be assured that lessons have been learned."

Dziekanski died in October 2007, after four officers confronted him at Vancouver's airport and repeatedly stunned him with a Taser. The incident was captured on amateur video, which fuelled public anger and prompted the government to order a public inquiry.

Before examining Dziekanski's death in detail, Braidwood held a separate set of hearings looking at Taser use in the province.

He concluded Tasers have the capacity to kill in certain situations, and he said they should be used far less often — only in cases involving bodily harm or the threat of bodily harm.

He called for standardized training for police officers, who should be required to file detailed reports whenever a Taser is deployed, and he said any officer carrying a Taser should also be equipped with an automatic defibrillator.

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Greenest City Action Plan. Water targets could be met early, council told

Vancouver is on pace to reach its water-conservation goals four years early.

City council was briefed Tuesday on the progress of the Greenest City Action Plan and went in-depth into water use in the city.

Assistant city engineer Brain Crowe said the city has cut down on water consumption by 16.6 per cent since 2006.

At the current rate, Crowe said the city will reach its projected goal of reducing consumption by 33 per cent by 2016 instead of the 2020 target date.

"That's excellent news," he said. "We're halfway to our goal already. Obviously, we're quite proud of that progress to date."

Despite a rising population, water demand in the city has been dropping since 1986.

Additional steps taken this year, such as mandating water meters on new homes and new sprinkler regulations, will further save water, Crowe said.

Mayor Gregor Robertson said Vancouver's goal to become North America's greenest city is "a hot topic with many cities around the world."

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

By the numbers

35%

Council heard that about 35 per cent of the planned 135 projects under the Greenest City Action Plan have already been completed a year into the program.

SPCA. Culled sled dogs to be laid to rest in cemetery near Penticton

Dozens of sled dogs that were slaughtered after the Vancouver Olympics in an animal-cruelty case that made international headlines are getting a proper burial.

The B.C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says the 56 dogs that were killed in Whistler in winter 2010 will be laid to rest on Nov. 2.

The service will be held at the SPCA pet cemetery near Penticton, which spokeswoman Marcie Moriarty says was chosen because of its beauty and because the case touched people around the province.

The cull set off a massive animal-cruelty investigation into the former general manager of Howling Dog Tours, Robert Fawcett, who pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary pain and suffering to the animals in August.

Investigators dug up the dogs' bodies from a mass grave near the ski resort to gather forensic evidence to support the charge, and the remains were handled carefully for a future burial.

Fawcett will be sentenced in late November.

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B.C. Supreme Court

Man who killed pregnant wife loses his appeal

B.C.'s highest court has upheld the second-degree-murder conviction of a Surrey man who strangled his pregnant wife to death.

Mukhtiar Panghali was sentenced in March 2011 for killing his wife Manjit, a 31-year-old elementary school teacher.

The woman's sister, Jasmine Bhambra, says the ruling comes as a huge relief and it will help the family move forward.

Mukhtiar Panghali is serving life in prison with no chance of parole for 15 years.

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Vancouver Island

Three people killed in collision identified

Police have identified three young women who died Sunday when their car collided head-on with another vehicle on Vancouver Island.

The BC Coroners Service says the victims are Gene Jamisola, 16, Diane Bocacao, 19, and Pheat Top, 30.

The women were in a car with two other people at the time of the crash, and several others were flown to hospital with serious injuries.

Coroner spokeswoman Barb McLintock says there were heavy rains at the time of the crash.

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Singe the Clown invites you to try out Fear, Playland's new fright house that revolves around the top-10 documented fears people have around the world. Fright Nights begin Wednesday and runs until Oct. 31. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Fright Nights amp up the fear factor

PNE. Newest haunted house exploits people's most common fears

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What are you afraid of?

Fright Nights' new 2,500-square-foot haunted house, Fear, brings you face-to-face with the things that make your skin crawl — from creepy-crawlies and snakes to dentists. It also gives you a chance to learn what it's like to be inside a casket.

"It plays upon all the top-10 documented fears that people have around the world," PNE spokesperson Laura Ballance said Tuesday. "As our sixth haunted house, it sets a new bar in this market and across the country in the ultimate haunted-house experience."

Singe the Clown says his favourite part of the new fright house is the coffin room, where people can lie down in a coffin and go through a furnace as if they were being cremated.

Ballance also warns parents to think twice before bringing children under 12 to Fright Nights, one of Vancouver's most popular Halloween traditions.

But it's a great place to bring your date, she adds.

"I've had people, mostly guys, tell me that it's a great place to bring a date because it's certainly a great icebreaker," Ballance said.

Fear accompanies PNE's five popular themed fright houses — Car-n-Evil, Hollywood Horrors, Asylum, Darkness and Haunted Mansion. The Monsters of Schlock, a two-man comedy circus show, are back with bigger and crazier slapstick stunts and the Kinshira fire performers will dazzle with geometric designs of fire.

Fright Nights will terrorize Playland at the PNE from Wednesday to Oct. 31. For more information, visit pne.ca/fright-nights.

Iron dust dumped near Haida Gwaii

The Pacific Ocean, off B.C.'s West Coast, has a new suspect ingredient: 100 tonnes of iron sulphate.

An American entrepreneur with a controversial past in geo-engineering dumped the iron dust into the Pacific near the Haida Gwaii islands in July after allegedly telling local villagers that the "experiment" was a salmon-restoration project, according to ETC Group, an international environmental watchdog with offices in Canada.

Russ George, a U.S. businessman, "blatantly violated" two international moratoria when he dumped the iron dust, Jim Thomas of ETC told the Torstar News Service on Monday: A UN convention and the London Convention on the disposal of wastes at sea.

Ocean iron fertilization — a highly controversial practice — means stimulating plankton blooms in open water, which then seize carbon from the atmosphere and, on sinking to the bottom of the ocean, store it away. Earlier experiments, mostly done by universities, have shown mixed results.

George did not respond to requests for comment but told the Guardian the moratoria are a "mythology" and do not apply to his project.

The president of the Haida nation says they would have never agreed to the dump if they'd known it violated international agreements.

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Plankton bloom

- Satellite images obtained by the Guardian confirm George's claim that the iron has spawned an artificial plankton bloom as large as 10,000 square kilometres. What impact that kind of a dump will have on the ocean and marine life isn't yet clear.

Jesse Giddings is just giddy for We Day

Jesse Gidding CONTRIBUTED

New route. After three years on MuchMusic, Giddings was inspired after trip to Kenya

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Langley native Jesse Giddings can't wait for his favourite day of the year.

The musician and TV personality is set to host Free the Children's We Day event in Vancouver on Thursday.

Giddings told Metro that it's inspiring to see thousands of youth so excited to get involved in community and global causes and eager to make a difference.

The former MuchMusic VJ realized he'd had three great years at MuchMusic and it was time to move on after a recent trip to Kenya with Free the Children.

"They live in modest living accommodations with next to nothing in their lives. All they have is their dreams, but they go after it with so much intensity," he said. "They want to be doctors and lawyers and they're studying and pushing themselves because they want to see their dreams come to fruition."

He came back with a renewed passion, he added, and has decided to face new challenges, including focusing on his music.

He admitted he wasn't involved in local initiatives when he was younger because being active in the community wasn't seen as a cool thing.

"Looking back now, I wish that I had put in more time and had invested more energy in raising my voice and awareness for social change and issues," he said, adding he now feels the responsibility to encourage and inspire youth to take action.

"It inspired me to stay involved and try to make more of a difference with what I can and with the gifts that I've been given," he added.

Vancouver's Festivities

The event's speakers include singer-songwriter Demi Lovato, HIV activist Magic Johnson and Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Sit-in

Stars pipe up against tankers

Hollywood is throwing its support behind an upcoming protest against pipelines across B.C. and tankers along the West Coast.

Greenpeace says several A-list stars, including Michael Moore, Ellen Page and Daryl Hannah, have endorsed the Defend Our Coast sit-in, planned for Monday on the lawn of the legislature.

According to Greenpeace, 3,500 people have signed up to take part, although there's no word if any of the celebrities will actually attend.

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Vancouver Aquarium

Rescued seal pups to be tracked

Five seal pups have been released back into the wild, but little do they know the Vancouver Aquarium is tracking their every move.

The marine mammal rescue centre has tagged the rehabilitated animals with satellite-linked transmitters as they swim free on the Sunshine Coast.

The tags were attached to the tops of the seals' heads, where they will stay for up to nine months until the seals moult.

The centre hopes the project will give them better information about foraging behaviours and habitat use. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Top economic engine. Premier Clark announces lofty goal for B.C.

British Columbia Premier Christy Clark took aim at Alberta Tuesday in an election-style speech where she boasted her province doesn't need oil to be the country's top economic generator.

Speaking to a Vancouver Island economic summit, Clark said she's set lofty goals for B.C.'s economy, which include turning the province into Canada's No. 1 economy.

She drew mild applause from the business crowd when she said B.C.'s job creation numbers are currently tops in Canada, ahead of Alberta, and B.C. has done it without oil revenues.

"Fifty-seven thousand net new jobs in British Columbia, most of them are full-time," said Clark about the Statistics Canada yearly numbers. "We're ahead of Alberta and we don't even have oil. We're doing well."

Clark said her government's year-old jobs plan, which focuses on increasing trade with China and Asia and promoting mining and exploring innovations in technology and agri-foods, has resulted in growth.

She said B.C. is currently leading Canada in small-business growth numbers.

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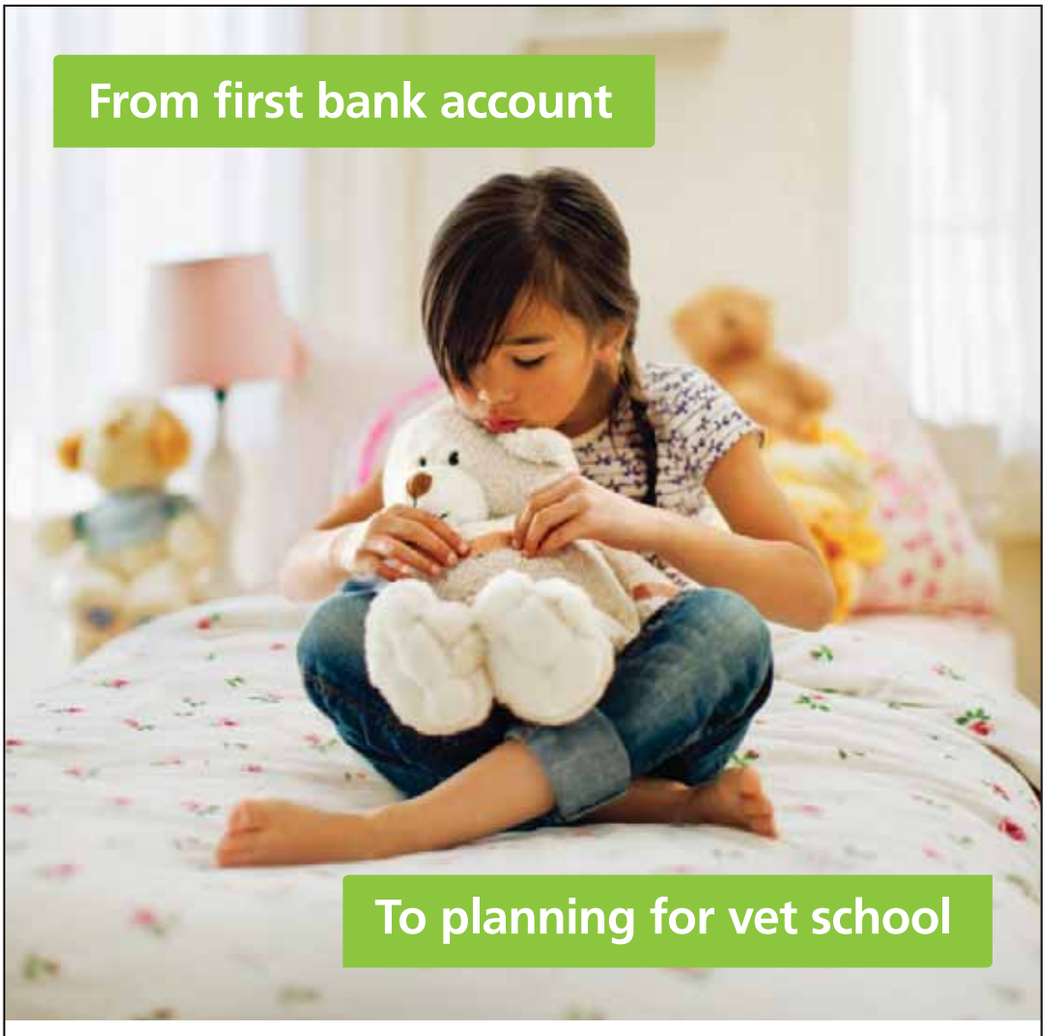

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Shot Pakistani girl's visitors questioned

Police officers patrol outside the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, England, where Pakistani girl Malala Yousufzai, inset, is being treated.
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Malala Yousufzai. Two 'relatives' of 14-year-old activist shot by Taliban questioned by police after trying to visit her in hospital

British police have questioned two people who tried to visit a hospitalized Pakistani teenager shot for promoting girls' education, raising fears about her safety following pledges by the Taliban to make another attempt on her life.

Fourteen-year-old Malala Yousufzai was shot in the head by the Taliban last week as she was returning home from school in Pakistan. She was airlifted Monday to Britain to receive specialized medical care and protection from follow-up attacks threatened by the militants.

Medical director Dr. Dave Rosser of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham stressed Tuesday that security was "under control" at the hospital after the overnight incident. He said several people had turned up at the hospital claiming to be the girl's relatives but didn't get very far.

He said the people were arrested, but police said they had only been questioned.

"We don't believe there's any threat to her personal security," Rosser told journalists, explaining the hospital did not believe the suspects were related to Malala. "We think it's probably people being overcurious."

Police would not immediately confirm the details of the incident.

Malala was targeted by the Taliban for promoting girls' education and criticizing the militant group's behaviour when they took over the scenic Swat Valley where she lived. Two of her classmates were also wounded in the attack.

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Quote

"The brain is like real estate ... Location is everything."

Dr. Anders Cohen, chief of neurosurgery. He says Malala's recovery will depend on the path the bullet took through her brain.

Recovery

Fourteen-year-old Malala Yousufzai's age is an advantage, doctors say.

- **Hopeful.** Doctors are optimistic that Malala's age is in her favour. Unlike adults, the brains of teenagers are still growing and better able to adapt to trauma.
- **Realism.** While details on the path of the bullet and damage have not been released, two physicians say it is extremely unlikely that a full recovery can be made.

Ordeal. U.K. charges citizen over journalists' kidnapping in Syria

A British man has been charged in the kidnapping of two Western journalists in Syria, police said Tuesday, adding to growing concerns about foreign extremists travelling to the civil-war-stricken Arab state and posing a future threat to the West.

Shajul Islam, 26, was arrested on suspicion of terror offences on Oct. 9 at London's Heathrow Airport after arriving on a flight from Egypt alongside a 26-year-old British woman. The woman, who has not been named, was released without charge earlier Tuesday.

Islam was accused of working with others to "unlawfully and injuriously imprison" two photographers, Briton John Cantlie and his Dutch colleague Jeroen Oerlemans, against their will from July 17 to 26 in Syria, police said. He was remanded in custody and expected to appear in a London court on Wednesday.

The abduction of the veteran journalists raised concerns that British Muslims might be slipping into Syria to join extremists. The photographers said after their weeklong ordeal that some of their captors spoke with British accents.

Oerlemans, a prominent Dutch photographer who was shot twice during a failed attempt to escape from his captors, told The Associated Press last week that the ages of Islam and the released woman appeared to be consistent with the ages of the people who held him hostage shortly after he entered Syria on July 19. But he said there were no women involved in the kidnapping.

Police have declined to comment on British press reports that one of the pair picked up at the airport may be a British National Health Service doctor believed to have been involved with an Islamist terror group in Syria.

Cantlie, who worked for the Sunday Times newspaper, had said that none of his captors were Syrian.

"They were from anywhere but Syria. They were from Bangladesh, they were from Pakistan, they were from the U.K., they were from Chechnya, the Caucuses — a real mix," he told the BBC in an interview.

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Monarchy. Prince Charles' letters to government are to remain private

No, you cannot read Prince Charles' letters to British government officials.

Attorney General Dominic Grieve on Tuesday overruled three judges who decided last month that the public had a right to see what sort of advice the opinionated prince was offering to the government.

The letters are "particularly frank," and Britons reading them might not think the prince is politically neutral, as a monarch must be, Grieve said.

"Much of the correspondence does indeed reflect the Prince of Wales' most deeply held personal views and beliefs," Grieve said in a statement setting out his reasoning.

The letters "contain remarks about public affairs which would in my view, if revealed, have had a material effect upon the willingness of the government to engage in correspondence with the Prince of Wales." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A notice published in Communist Party newspaper Granma said that as of Jan. 14, islanders will only have to show their passport and a visa from the country they are travelling to.

On the streets of Havana, there was a mix of delight and astonishment.

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Comical vigilante

DIY Batman facing charges

A Michigan man is facing charges for his effort to keep an eye on his community while wearing a Batman outfit.

Mark Wayne Williams tells the Petoskey News-Review that dressing in costume is his way of saying "it's not up to the government to save us."

State troopers arrested the 33-year-old Sept. 29 because they say he refused to leave them alone while they searched for a driver who fled an accident.

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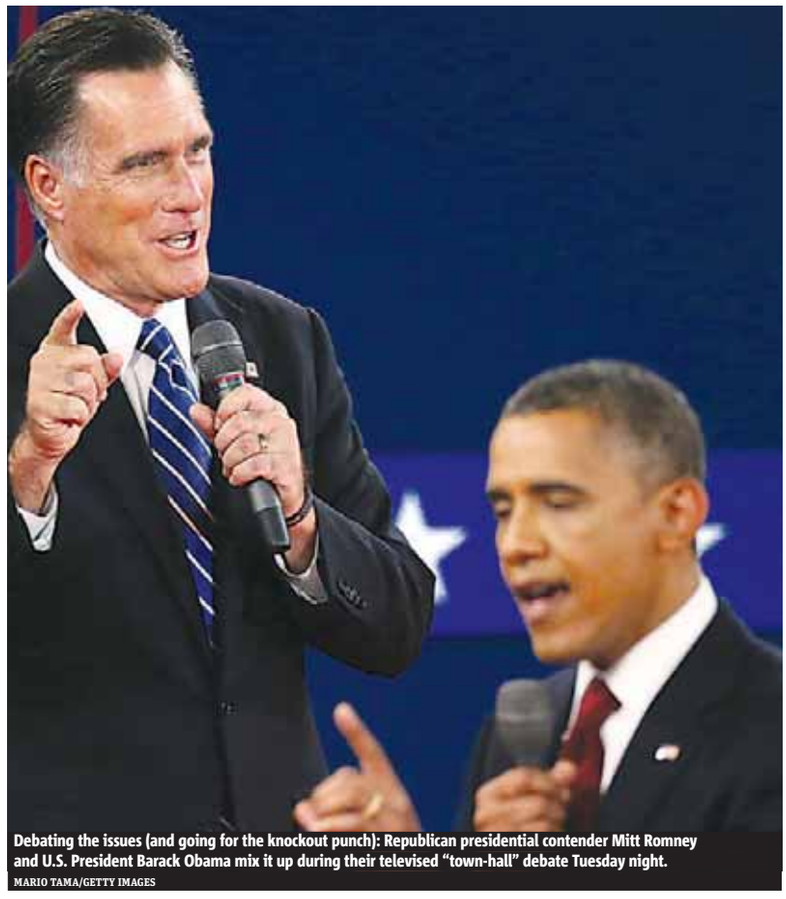

Debating the issues (and going for the knockout punch): Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney and U.S. President Barack Obama mix it up during their televised "town-hall" debate Tuesday night.
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He's awake! Obama goes on the attack in second debate

Tense faceoffs. White House contenders cross swords over jobs, domestic energy, women's rights — and that pipeline

Listless? Not anymore!

A sharper, energetic Barack Obama emerged Tuesday night in his second televised debate against Mitt Romney.

As millions of viewers watched, Obama swiftly got down to the business at hand — putting the brakes on his Republican rival's sudden momentum in a tense, tight race to the White House.

An angry Obama showed himself at last — eyes flashing, teeth clenched, fitted with fact and fury — intent on stopping the bleeding that threatens to cost him his job.

But Romney was steeled as well, determined to deepen the damage done two weeks ago, when Obama let the Republican challenger breezily claim the mantle of middle-class moderate.

Among the tense faceoffs Tuesday night: Jobs, domestic energy — and TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline.

At one point, Romney strode uncomfortably close to Obama as he chastised him for failing to greenlight the pipeline.

Romney also attempted to talk over moderator Candy Crowley, who was having none of it.

Obama and Romney both tried to appeal to female voters.

Obama noted that the first piece of legislation he signed made it easier for women to seek the same pay as men.

Romney said as governor of Massachusetts, his administration had a number of women in senior leadership positions.

He said many women have suffered job losses and moved into poverty during Obama's tenure and creating more jobs would help women.

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A new approach

It was a debate with a difference — six, in fact.

- **One.** This was a "town-hall" debate where people representing a cross-section of America got to ask the questions.
- **Two.** The Gallup organization picked about 80 uncommitted voters.
- **Three.** All questioners were screened before.
- **Four.** The questioners couldn't simply raise their hands and be called at random.
- **Five.** Moderator Candy Crowley of CNN and helpers decided who asked the questions.
- **Six.** The debaters weren't moored to a lectern or table — and viewers could check out their body language.

Anonymous's suspected Todd tormentor tip false, RCMP say

This online video shows The Capper Awards. The man suspected of the blackmail that led to Amanda Todd's suicide was awarded "Blackmailer of the year" in 2010 after extorting a user identified as Peyton. SCREENGRAB

Amanda Todd suicide. Group's allegation 'unfounded,' police say, though cited user has history of blackmail, perversion

JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Toronto

Allegations by an online hacker group that identified a Vancouver-area man as the tormenter of B.C. teen Amanda Todd were "unfounded," according to police.

Todd, 15, committed suicide last week after suffering years of bullying and online sexual exploitation. In September the teen had posted a video on YouTube in which she described how she showed her breasts to an unknown man over a webcam. She said the man then threatened to send the pictures to friends and family unless she "put on a show" for him.

Although police said Tuesday the claims by Anonymous were false, the web handle cited in the hacker group's posting has a disturbing Internet history with links to the same kind of online exploitation to which Todd was a victim.

In 2010, the username had been nominated as "Blackmailer of the year" in the online Capper Awards, which celebrate a perverted subculture where people called cappers get young girls they call "cam whores" to expose themselves on webcams.

The username was nominated for allegedly blackmailing a different girl, identified as "Peyton." Other awards went to the "Cam whore of the year" and "Capper of the year."

In the video on YouTube, a mechanized voice of the cartoon host of the 2010 Capper Awards nominations announces the "Blackmail" category. "This one is for the rapist of the Internet," it says.

"(The user), famous for his blackmail of Peyton, streaming her videos on BlogTV and Tinychat and threatening her in public," says the host.

An earlier video called "The Daily Capper" shows a mock news account of the accused blackmailer streaming the explicit videos of Peyton in December 2010.

"The first part shows Peyton in bra and the second in panties," says a cartoon reporter. The details get more explicit.

"We return to a second room only to find a fuming Peyton demanding to know who had played videos, and threatening to call the police," the reporter says.

The fake news report says the girl told her mother and police, but it is unclear whether or not her alleged blackmailer was ever found.

The Capper Awards videos remained active on YouTube as of press time, except for one that was removed after a link to it was posted on an Amanda Todd memorial Facebook page.

Anonymous also published a link to a page on jailbaitgallery.com that shows pornographic photos of young girls with a title including the same online handle.

Memorial Facebook page

Man loses job after hurtful Todd post

A man who worked for a Toronto-based men's clothing company has lost his job over his hurtful posting on a Facebook page about Amanda Todd. President and CEO of Grafton-Fraser Dave McGregor said he and the company "took the action we felt to be appropriate," and the man is no longer employed with the company.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of Amanda Todd," he said. "Our company ethics are based on tolerance, respect and fair and honourable treatment of all individuals; internally, with our customers and the population as a whole. We have zero tolerance for the mistreatment of others no matter what form it takes.

"We feel that the focus should remain on the issue at hand which is bullying and how we work together to stop it."

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Medical scandal.
Manitoba doctor accused of trading drugs for sex

A Winnipeg doctor who had sex with two female patients and wrote them Oxycontin prescriptions as a result has been suspended.

And now, Manitoba's health minister said an investigation has been launched to recover any taxpayer money that may have gone toward inappropriate billing.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba held an inquiry on the behaviour of Dr. Randy Raymond Allan, where he pleaded guilty to professional misconduct.

The college has suspended Dr. Allan for 18 months, although he hasn't been practicing at his Main Street clinic since the allegations came forth.

According to the inquiry panel, Dr. Allan "failed to maintain appropriate boundaries with two female patients ... that he had personal and sexual relationships with them during the same periods that he was providing medical care to them."

Dr. Allan also "issued prescriptions for Oxycontin to both patients ... because of his personal and sexual relationships with them."

The panel said Dr. Allan didn't create complete medical profiles for both women and in some instances didn't note the prescriptions he wrote in their profiles.

He then billed the Manitoba government for house calls when in actuality he was visiting for sex.

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The consequences

- Under the province's Regulated Health Professions Act, complaints and discipline require "a swift turnaround."
- Dr. Allan was suspended by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba.
- The province has launched an investigation to recover taxpayer money spent inappropriately.

Sloppiness could have caused lethal U.S. outbreak

Fungal meningitis.
Steroid medication has been linked to infections that have killed at least 15

Shawn Lockhart looks at the meningitis-causing fungus Exserohilum rostratum at the mycotic lab at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. POUYA DIANAT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Was it some mouldy ceiling tiles? The dusty shoes of a careless employee? Or did the contamination ride in on one of the ingredients?

There are lots of ways fungus could have gotten inside the Massachusetts compounding pharmacy whose steroid medication has been linked to a lethal outbreak of a rare fungal form of meningitis.

The outbreak has killed at least 15 people and sickened more than 200 others in 15 states. Nearly all the victims had received steroid injections for back pain.

Federal and state investigators have been tight-lipped about any problems they may have seen at the New England Compounding Center or whether they have pinpointed the source of the contamination. They did disclose last week that they found fungus in more than 50 vials from the pharmacy.

Company spokesman Andrew Paven said by email that criminal investigators from the Food and Drug Administration were at the pharmacy in Framingham, Mass., on Tuesday. The visit was part of a broad federal and state investigation of the outbreak, FDA spokesman Steven Immergut said in an email.

New England Compounding has not commented on its production process or what might have gone wrong, so outside experts can only speculate. But the betting money seems to be on dirty conditions, faulty sterilizing equipment, tainted ingredients or sloppiness on the part of employees.

The drug at the centre of the investigation is made without preservatives, meaning there's no alcohol or other solution in it to kill germs such as a fungus, So it's very important that it be made under highly sterile conditions, experts said.

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Nik Wallenda.
No safety harness for Grand Canyon tightrope walk

Aerialist Nik Wallenda says he's planning to cross the Grand Canyon on a tightrope, but he won't be wearing a safety harness like he used at Niagara Falls.

Wallenda told Sarasota Herald-Tribune Tuesday that he has signed a contract with an unnamed cable network to broadcast the roughly half-mile (0.8-kilometre) walk. No date or exact location has been announced yet.

In June, the 33-year-old Florida aerialist crossed a 550-metre span over Niagara Falls. The event was televised live by network ABC, which required Wallenda to wear a safety harness despite his protests.

Nik Wallenda walks a tightrope across the front stretch before the Bank of America 500 Sprint Cup series NASCAR race in Concord, N.C. TERRY RENNA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The paper says his contract for the Grand Canyon walk specifies he doesn't need a harness.

"We cleared that up on the front end this time," Wallenda told the paper. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sex assault charges

Health issues interrupt trial

The trial of a prominent Calgary psychiatrist accused of sexually assaulting patients who were ordered by the court to see him came to a halt Tuesday after he was hospitalized.

Dr. Aubrey Levin, who is 73, was taken to hospital Monday night.

"We are advised he will undergo a medical procedure this week," Justice Donna Shelley informed the seven-man, five-woman jury.

Shelley didn't reveal any details about the medical procedure. She adjourned the case until Monday.

Last week, a different jury determined that Levin, who is accused of sexually assaulting 10 men, was mentally fit to stand trial.

Although psychologists called by the defence testified that Levin has dementia, the Crown maintained he was in the early stages and his cognitive level was no different from many other accused who go through the court system.

Levin's defence team had originally asked for a delay in the proceedings, arguing he has several health challenges including diabetes, high blood pressure and congestive heart failure. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Apple

'iPad mini' may debut next week

Apple Inc. is sending out invites to reporters for an event next Tuesday, where it's expected to announce the release of a smaller iPad. Observers have said for months that Apple has an "iPad mini" in the works. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Microsoft

Surface tablet will match iPad price

Microsoft's Surface tablet computer, the company's answer to Apple Inc.'s iPad, will start at $519 in Canada when it goes on sale Oct. 26.

The price matches that of the iPad, but the base model of the Surface has twice as much storage memory: 32 gigabytes. The screen is also slightly larger. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Microsoft's new Surface tablet
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Ford recalls Fiestas over side air bags

Ford is recalling more than 154,000 Fiesta subcompacts, including 28,000 in Canada, over air bags. If the front passenger seat is empty, Ford says, the side air bag won't inflate to protect rear-seat passengers in some crashes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

iPhone maker dismisses underage factory interns

China. Labour rights group says Foxconn and vocational schools are both to blame for use of students under 16

The company that manufactures Apple's iPhone said Tuesday it found underage interns as young as 14 working at one of its factories in China.

Foxconn Technology Group said the interns were found by a company investigation at its factory in the eastern city of Yantai and were sent back to their schools. China's minimum legal working age is 16.

Foxconn said it was investigating with schools how the interns were sent to its factory. It didn't say how many underage interns it found.

"We recognize that full responsibility for these violations rests with our company and we have apologized to each of the students for our role in this action," Foxconn said in a statement. "Any Foxconn employee found, through our investigation, to be responsible for these violations will have their employment immediately terminated."

A labour rights group, China Labor Watch, said in a statement that primary responsibility lay with schools involved but "Foxconn is also culpable for not confirming the ages of their workers." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Foxconn

- Foxconn produces iPhones and iPads for Apple Inc. and also assembles products for Microsoft Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co. The company gave no indication what products were made in facilities where the interns worked.

Loblaw shelves 700 head-office jobs

A Loblaws employee brings in shopping carts in Toronto in this file photo. Loblaw Co. Ltd. is cutting about 700 jobs, mostly management and administrative positions at its Toronto-area head office, in a move the grocery retailer says will reduce costs and improve efficiency. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

California. Court to hear suit over cleaner-fuel mandate

A federal appeals court will hear arguments in a case seeking to stop California's first-in-the-nation mandate requiring petroleum refiners and ethanol producers to make cleaner fuels for millions of cars and trucks in the state.

At issue before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is the constitutionality of California's Low Carbon Fuel Standard, an important piece of the state's landmark global warming law, AB 32. The mandate requires petroleum refiners, fuel distributors and others to make cleaner-burning fuels for the California market.

But out-of-state oil refiners and biofuels producers have sued over the law, saying it will give an unfair advantage to in-state fuels producers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By the numbers

2020

The California Air Resources Board said the standard will cut California's dependence on petroleum by 20 per cent, and account for one-tenth of the state's goal to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 2020.

European officials express concern about Google's privacy policy

European regulators have asked Google to clarify its new privacy policy and make it easier for users to opt out of it because of concerns that the web giant may be collecting too much data and holding it for too long.

France's data protection agency led a European investigation into Google's new unified privacy policy, which replaces individual policies for its search, email and other services, and regulates how it uses the personal data it collects.

The policy allows Google to combine data collected from one person using its disparate services, from Gmail to YouTube. That gives Google a powerful tool for targeting the user with advertising.

The agency outlined three main concerns about the new policy: it's not clear enough in explaining to users what data is collected and how it will be used; it's too difficult for users to opt out of data collection and combination; and Google doesn't always say how long it will hold onto data.

The agency, called the French National Commission on Computing and Freedom, was careful to note that it wanted to work with Google to change the policy.

This is not the first time Google has run afoul of regulators. In August, the company agreed to pay a $22.5-million US fine to settle a suit brought by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By the numbers

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France's data protection agency said that of the top 500 most-visited sites in France, 90 per cent had a link with Google. The web giant can also collect information from anyone who visits a website that has a link to its services — for example, a Google map posting.

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The Canadian Museum of Civilization is being rebranded.

Now it's going to be the Canadian Museum of Our Own Backyard. Er, the Canadian Museum of History.

That old mandate: "To increase, throughout Canada and internationally, interest in, knowledge and understanding of and appreciation for human cultural achievements and human behaviour…"?

That's over. It's time to turn our gaze … inward.

The feds are going to spend $25 million to teach us Canadian history, no doubt because we weren't listening the first time in Grade 8.

Instead of that civilization malarkey, we'll gather all our national clichés in one convenient location: The Last Spike, Maurice Richard's hockey sweater (le pew!), and the gag reel from This Hour Has 22 Minutes. OK, so I made that last one up. But talk about historical significance.

According to the usually informed but anonymous sources, the museum will focus on the Royal Family and the Canadian military.

Tell me this is not all part of the Harper government's ongoing effort to put the 21st century back in the bottle and rewrite Canadian history. We'll know what's really going on if Museum 2.0 has a Preston Manning wing.

The power of pop culture

I agree with James Moore, minister in charge of Turning Back the Clock, that the world needs more Canada. But we already gave the world Jim Carrey and Neil Young. What more do they want? I know —Celine Dion! We'll give them Celine Dion!

The new museum will use the current Museum of Civilization building, a world-class architectural homage to human civilization. Well, it will have to do. It was either that or move it to Winnipeg, where it could take over the newly built Museum of Human Rights. After all, human rights aren't really our business, either. Let the EU or the UN or some other foreign outfit worry about that stuff.

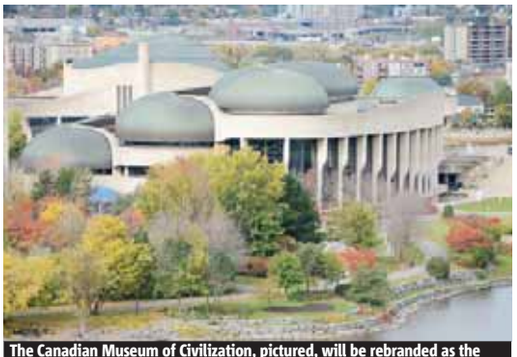
This here's Canada. The Canada of Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Robert Borden, R.B. Bennett, John Diefenbaker, Brian Mulroney and, of course, Stephen Harper. Did I leave anyone out?

Don't get me wrong. I agree with James Moore, minister in charge of Turning Back the Clock, that the world needs more Canada. But we already gave the world Jim Carrey and Neil Young. What more do they want? I know — Celine Dion! We'll give them Celine Dion!

We'll be able to give all these great ideas to the museum, as staff is now travelling across the country, all expenses paid, to find out what we think.

Off the top of my head, I can think of a few more suggestions: the Charter of Rights (too civilized? Too Liberal); the Canadian flag (see previous item); the story of medicare; the National Wheat Board; the National Film Board; the CBC (hmm — there's a pattern emerging here).

Gee, James, maybe this wasn't such a good idea after all.



The Canadian Museum of Civilization, pictured, will be rebranded as the Canadian Museum of History, the feds announced Tuesday.
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New planet gets four stars!

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Team's first find

Planet with 4-sun system discovered

Astronomers have discovered a new planet with a four-sun system — the first case of its kind.

The planet, PH1, circles twin suns that are in turn orbited by a second distant pair of stars. The discovery was made by Planet Hunters, a Yale University-led project, in which amateur astronomers work with professional scientists to find new worlds. METRO

Astronomer's viewpoint

"The discovery of these systems forces us to go back to the drawing board to find how such planets can assemble and evolve in these dynamically challenging environments."

Meg Schwamb, astronomer at Yale University, and lead author of the report behind the discovery.

How they discovered it

How two hobbyists found unique planet

Planet Hunters volunteers, Kian Jek of San Francisco and Robert Gagliano of Cottonwood, Ariz., spotted faint dips in light caused by the planet as it passed in front of its parent stars, a common method of finding extrasolar planets.

Their discovery was confirmed by observations from the Keck telescopes on Mauna Kea, Hawaii. METRO

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- **What's in a name?** Named PH1 in honour of the Planet Hunters website.
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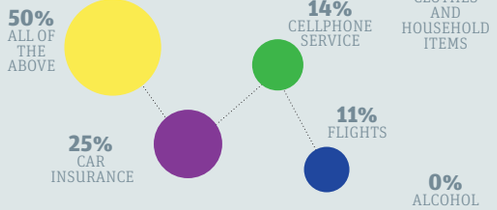

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Tyler Perry stars in Alex Cross. HANDOUT

Meet the newest Alex Cross

Adaptation. Tyler Perry plays the lead in the latest movie based on James Patterson's novels

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If the name Alex Cross sounds familiar you're either an avid reader of crime novels or a Morgan Freeman fan.

The character is the star of 20 books by author James Patterson, two films starring Freeman and now a third, the simply titled Alex Cross, with Tyler Perry in the lead role.

In the books and films Cross is a Washington D.C. cop with a Ph.D. in psychology. In other words, as he says in Kiss the Girls, "I'm a forensic psychologist. It's a fancy way of saying I'm a guy who walks into a room like that and determines the hows and whys."

In the new film, Perry, best known as the director and star of the Madea comedies, squares off against a serial killer (Matthew Fox) who claims to have murdered one of the detective's relatives.

The first Cross novel to make the leap to the big screen was Kiss the Girls, the second book in the series. Denzel Washington was originally set to star, but dropped out due to scheduling conflicts. Morgan Freeman stepped in, starring opposite Ashley Judd.

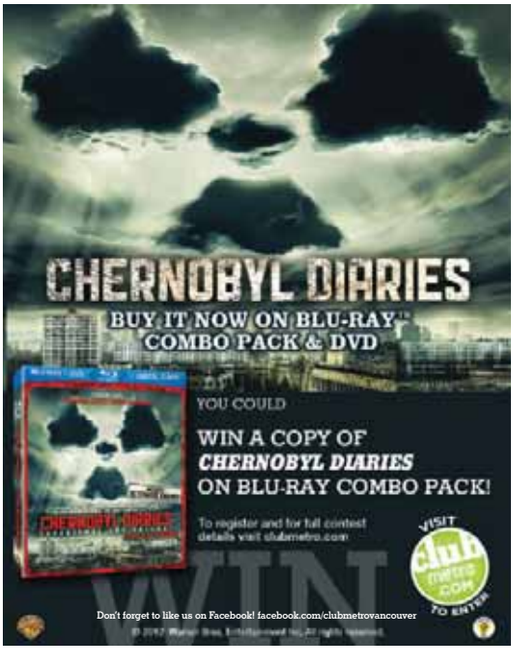
In the film Cross's niece disappears, the likely victim of Casanova, a kidnapper and killer of young women. Aiding Cross is Dr. Kate McTiernan (Judd), a surgeon, who narrowly escaped the sadomasochist killer's grasp.

The movie was a hit with audiences, but not the critics, although Roger Ebert wrote that Freeman and Judd, "are so good, you almost wish they'd decided not to make a thriller at all… and had simply found a way to construct a drama exploring their personalities."

The movie was withheld from release in central Virginia out of respect for the families of three girls who had been murdered in the area.

Four years later, despite some reservations, Freeman reprised the role. "I didn't want to do the same thing twice," he said, adding that he changed his mind because he realized he "liked Alex Cross. And the fact that he's black is totally incidental. That's a rare thing for a black actor to find."

Along Came a Spider sees Cross solve the case of a kidnapped congressman's daughter. Once again critics hated the film — which currently sits at 32 per cent on Rotten Tomatoes — but praised Freeman's performance. New York Times scribe Elvis Mitchell called it "a classless, underdeveloped thriller," but wrote that it "couldn't be better served than it is by Mr. Freeman."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Q&A. Ellie Goulding on hit single Lights, sophomore album and dating Skrillex

Ellie Goulding THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

British singer Ellie Goulding dealt with writer's block when coming up with songs for her sophomore album. That's because she was still dealing with the success of her first album.

Goulding's debut, Lights, was released in February 2010 in Europe and March 2011 in the United States. This year, however, the title track peaked at No. 2 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart and has sold more than 3.3 million units in America. The electro-dance track is one of the year's top songs.

"I still haven't been able to understand, like, why that has happened," the 25-year-old said in a recent interview. "It's crazy. But the definite truth is it's been way more popular here (in the U.S.) than it has anywhere in the world."

Her Lights album has sold about 240,000 units in the U.S., but now she's promoting her sophomore record, Halcyon, which was released this week. She recorded it in "a converted barn in a valley" in England with producer Jim Eliot (Kylie Minogue) to escape the success of Lights.

While her Lights single is on the new album, Goulding has a new single, Anything Could Happen, a new sound — and a somewhat new relationship.

Did you want to capitalize on the success of Lights and do something similar on the new album?

... No, not really. ... If my next song has the same ability to do what Lights has done, then I'll be really proud. But, who knows? Like, I would never want to design music to do what Lights did 'cause that wouldn't have any kind of integrity on my part. ... Most of my favourite music isn't in the charts. Don't get me wrong, I adore pop music so much. I'm not saying I have a thing against chart music. If mine gets on the charts and I sell records, then it's a bonus.

What helped you overcome writer's block?

... I guess I cured it by meeting Jim. Also ... I went through, like, a breakup in a relationship (with radio DJ Greg James) and genuinely, like, that kind of opened the floodgates for me. I felt like there was a lot I needed to write about for a long time. I went away to Ireland by myself and that triggered a lot of the lyrics, a lot of the ideas.

You're dating Skrillex and you've collaborated musically. Do you want to do more of that?

I think in an ideal world we'd love to make a whole record together ... but it just so happens that we're both ridiculously busy. When it comes to music, it honestly is really professional. Honestly. If we start talking about music on the phone, it switches immediately to being professional, and not on purpose, but because we're both so passionate about music and it's a very serious thing to us. But at the same time we've had fun making stuff, and I have fun listening to his new stuff because it blows my mind and it's so clever to me, so fascinating it makes me want to laugh, and I laugh because it's so brilliant.

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Oozing with exuberance

Fear Fun. Musician makes some changes after being on 'autopilot' for a few years

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

Father John Misty MAXIMILLA LUKACS

Fear Fun is the debut by Father John Misty, but the man behind the moniker, Joshua Tillman, has been putting out albums for the past eight years, recording as a member of Fleet Foxes, Saxon Shore and on his own as J. Tillman. These previous efforts, mostly characterized by their solemnity, bear little resemblance to his recent outpouring of manic psychedelic folk.

"I was obliged to make some changes after some realizations that I had about myself," says Tillman. "I was on autopilot for a few years with the J. Tillman thing."

On Fear Fun, the songs ooze with an exuberance of being born again, but for Father John Misty that doesn't necessarily mean a pious awakening. Against some of the same warm quilts of harmony that make Fleet Foxes sound so comforting, Tillman sings words that are frank and funny and often deal with sex and drugs. If it weren't for this content, you could almost picture him dancing to these funky songs with some groovy monster on The Muppet Show.

His voice is one of confidence and clarity, and against the dark decadence of his lyrics, it blurs the line between reverence and irreverence. As opposed to the bleak and serious artwork on his solo records, the album art on Fear Fun is deeply hallucinogenic, with liner notes inside that provide commentary and peculiar subtitles for each song.

Tillman says coming up with this part of the album was a cathartic process.

"I was just sick of identifying myself as a songwriter and subsequently like a failure of a songwriter or something," he says. "Around that time, the sound of an acoustic guitar made me nauseous, like I couldn't even deal with it, and so I left Seattle and I just wanted to get back to my humanity. And it's funny because with songwriting, you get so used to only pulling from certain aspects of your imagination or your emotional quotient. You get so used to farming from these very specific parts of yourself that at some point you start to believe that those are the only parts of yourself that have substance or worth. I was just sort of sick of feeling like a one-dimensional entity in terms of creativity, so I started writing up the book that's in the album and I wasn't beholden to these aesthetic parameters that I was musically. I quickly discovered what I perceived to be far more engaging in that medium, creatively. I was laughing a lot the whole time I was writing."

Biblical references

Nothing is sacred

In addition to the new name with which Father John Misty has ordained himself, Fear Fun teems with references to biblical figures and holy places. But Joshua Tillman says nothing is sacred here.

"Really, it just kind of aligns with my sensibilities of what I think is funny," he says. "I do think music that is popular right now is so insubstantial, and there is very little acknowledgement of prevalent images or mythology. ... I know that religion is like an antiquated thing, but it still, for whatever reason, really resonates with people, and the subversion of those images resonates. It's not out of devotion, but if I'm going to write from my conversational voice, there's tons of that s— rattling around in my brain just from my formative years, and I really get some enjoyment out of subverting conventional wisdom regarding those symbols."

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Usher celebrates birthday with never-ending party

R&B star Usher says he still feels 21, despite just celebrating his 34th birthday.

The singer "danced all night" in London with a host of British singing talent Saturday night before his birthday Sunday, including Leona Lewis, Tinie Tempah, Dizzee Rascal and JLS star Ortise Williams. But Usher says that's not where the party is going to end.

"It's really going to be a party celebration week as opposed to weekend," he said.

In London to promote the computer game Dance Central 3 for Xbox, Usher also talked about his recent decision to put his European tour dates on hold in order to "do something really creative."

The American R&B star is joining the judging panel on the American talent show The Voice, a role he can't wait to fill.

"I haven't really had the chance to show people what I do behind the scenes in regards to mentoring, so this will kind of give you a different perspective" about me, he told The Associated Press.

Aside from designing video games and mentoring young hopefuls, Usher just premiered a new music video for his latest single Numb. It opens with real-life footage of the singer controversially walking off stage partway through his Berlin gig last year and features him dancing in a glass box.

"You know, I live my life in a glass box and every move, everything that I do is kind of speculated or either spoken about in some way and I never really can speak about it myself," he said. "This kind of gave me the opportunity to open up and just be vulnerable."

Numb is the latest single from the R&B star's Looking 4 Myself album.

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"It's really going to be a party celebration week as opposed to weekend." **Usher,** on his 34th birthday

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Johansson calls it splits with BF after being spotted with ex Leto

Scarlett Johansson has split up with boyfriend Nate Naylor just weeks after she was spotted looking cosy with ex Jared Leto at a political event, according to Daily Mail. How official is the split? Naylor was even spotted clearing his belongings out of Johansson's New York home. "They never officially lived together, but Nate has moved all of his stuff out and back into his apartment," a source says. "The relationship is over. It has not been amicable."

Quoted

"The relationship is over. It has not been amicable."

Anonymous source, on the Johansson/Naylor split.

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The Word

Depp to launch eccentric yet dashing book imprint

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Celebrities are constantly launching perfumes and clothing lines. But Johnny Depp is not just any actor. He's gotta do things differently! So what's his new project? A book publisher!

According to Harper Collins, Depp is launching an imprint with book publisher Infinitum Nihil (translation: "nothing lasts forever"). Per the statement, Depp says, "I pledge, on behalf of Infinitum Nihil, that we will do our best to deliver publications worthy of peoples' time, of peoples' concern, publications that might ordinarily never have breached the parapet."

The first book, The Untravelled Tales of Bob Dylan, is to be published in 2015.

Interesting way to inject some glamour into the rather staid world of book publishing. And unlike the rest of us in the media world, it's not like he has to worry about the scant paycheck.

But does anyone else get the mental image of Depp editing books while dressed like a pirate and using a quill pen?

Jennie Garth's efforts to reach out to Bynes all in vain

It seems everyone is worried about troubled starlet Amanda Bynes these days, including former What I Like About You co-star Jennie Garth. "I tried reaching out to her and I haven't been able to reach her," Garth tells Us Weekly. "My heart feels for whatever she is going through and I love her dearly."

Garth isn't alone. Bynes' parents have reportedly been getting the cold shoulder from the actress, who is facing multiple charges stemming from her dangerous driving record.

Barack Obama gives his take on the American Idol judges' cat fight.

Obama offers his two cents in Carey/Minaj feud

As he continues his campaign for re-election, U.S. President Barack Obama is addressing all of the top pressing issues — including the feud between American Idol judges Mariah Carey and Nicki Minaj. "I think that they are going to be able to sort it out, I am confident," Obama said during an interview with Miami's Y100 radio station. "I'm all about bringing people together, working for the same cause. I think both outstanding artists are going to be able to make sure that they're moving forward and not going backwards."

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There is always time for tapas in Spain's capital city

Madrid. This destination offers everything from traditional fare in centuries-old buildings to the latest in innovative cuisine

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Madrid has a tempo; it's a city that lives by and for art. It's also a city where food has been elevated to an art form. Take your pick of gastronomic delights at one of the city's centuries-old restaurants, traditional tapas bars, trendy gastrobars or gourmet markets. Here's a guide to eating your way around Madrid:

Markets

Mercado de san Miguel: Built in 1916, this market has become a meeting place for foodies. You'll find everything from salted fish at Casa del Bacalao to European meats at La Boucherie. At sundown, the market turns into a hotspot for tapas, which can be washed down with a glass of Spanish red at one of its wine houses.

Mercado de San Anton and La Cocina: This new gourmet market was designed for foodies — with 14 food stalls on the first floor, and show-cooking stations and a bar for casual meals on the second floor. Head to the third floor's terrace restaurant, La Cocina, where you'll find dishes inspired by traditional Spanish cuisine. Here, sample some of the best bellota ham, aged for five years — from pigs fed a diet of acorns and aromatic herbs.

Tapas

While in Madrid, do like the locals and tapear (go for tapas) — order calamari, cod and tripe. This time-honoured tradition still stands, whether in a traditional tavern or trendy bar, where small plates of food are served with a glass of beer or wine. Some of the best traditional taverns can be found in the oldest parts of the capital, including La Latina, Cava Baja, Cava Alta and Cava de San Miguel.

Gastrobars

Head to Estado Puro, one of the city's trendiest gastrobars, where the bar is covered with transparent panels encasing flamenco dolls. The food is a contemporary twist on traditional Spanish fare — try a deconstructed tortilla in a shot glass, or foie gras served like an ice cream sandwich.

Traditional with a twist

La Capilla de la Bolsa in Madrid's Literary Quarter was once, in the Middle Ages, the Chapel of Santa Cruz, and later became home to the Madrid Stock Exchange. The restaurant has maintained the building's Baroque vault and original columns, allowing you to soak up hundreds of years of art history as you eat Mediterranean haute cuisine.

Where to stay

The boutique Hotel de las Letras combines tradition with modern flair. Built in 1917, this newly renovated, modern space has retained its mosaics, marquises, staircases and original sculptures, and each room features high ceilings, oak flooring and natural light. It's located in the Gran Via shopping district, at the heart of the city's Art Walk.

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New Orleans, for the ladies

Good times. Women, are you ready to live The Hangover?

ALISON BOWEN
Metro World News

New Orleans has been a staple of bachelor parties for decades, but these days the ladies are taking over the city. An annual conference, Festigals, drew 400 people this summer for a women-only celebration. One of the premier hotels, the Windsor Court Hotel, boasts a female chef and female sommelier, together crafting elegant-tasting menus. And a walking tour of the French Quarter — led by a feisty 79-year-old female — drops in tales of women influencing the city. So what better place for a girls' getaway?

Stay out all night

Make sure to walk along Bourbon Street — even without Mardi Gras, it's a circus all its own. But locals will tip you toward Frenchmen Street, a chance to dart in and out of bars where local bands play all night long. This weekend, you could catch the Crescent City Blues and BBQ Festival. Top off any night with a visit to Cafe du Monde, open 24 hours a day, for the city's famous beignets and rich chicory coffee.

Eat your way through the city

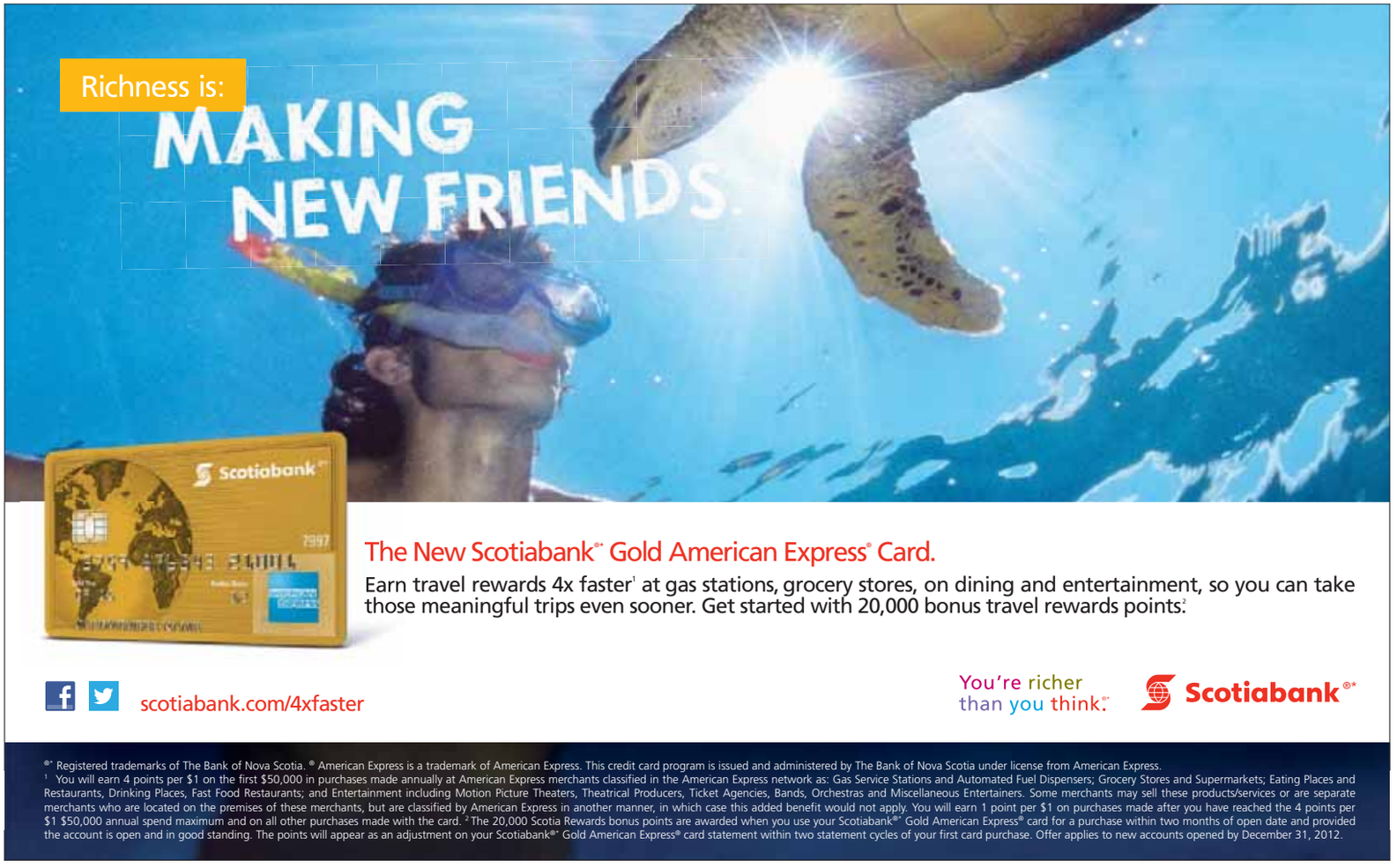
Leave the diet books at home. The waiters at legendary Arnaud's Restaurant on Bourbon Street may tell you the meals are zero calories, but that's not true — and you'll be robbing yourself of the city's best pleasures if you don't eat your way through New Orleans. The city's cuisine is incomparable — succulent shrimp often delivered straight from the Gulf, the spices are thrown together in a way New England just can't muster, and, well, what other place constantly lights its desserts on fire? The Court of Two Sisters in the French Quarter has a daily jazz brunch, with a live band in the courtyard and a shrimp-and-grits filled buffet.

Grab your shopping shoes

Explore the unique boutiques of Magazine Street, a lengthy but doable walk or a quick cab ride from the French Quarter. Places like Buffalo Exchange offer consignment-store finds, like party dresses or a floral TopShop blouse or a boom box. If your shopping can escalate to extravagant — or for a peek — stop in at M.S. Rau Antiques, where pieces range from a Russian fossilized cave bear to Monets and a vampire killing kit.

Where to stay

The Hotel Monteleone, legend says, is where the French Quarter begins. The hotel, opened by a Sicilian shoemaker more than a century ago, has hosted luminaries from Tennessee Williams to Paul Newman and Liberace. Within walking distance from delicious brunch spots and the invigorating, music-filled Frenchmen Street, the hotel is an elegant place to retire.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Maple syrup and cinnamon bring out the sweet side of root vegetables

Baked Root Vegetables with Maple Syrup and Cinnamon

This recipe serves six. RYAN SZULC, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)

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Ingredients

- 1 lb sweet potatoes, unpeeled and cut into wedges
- 1 lb Yukon Gold potatoes, unpeeled and cut into wedges
- 1 lb butternut squash, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 large sweet yellow onion, cut into 8 wedges
- 2 large peeled parsnips, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 peeled beets, cut into 1-inch pieces

Dressing

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbsp maple syrup
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley

1. Preheat oven to 425 F. Line 2 baking sheets with foil and lightly coat with cooking spray.

2. Arrange sweet potatoes, potatoes, squash, onion, parsnips and beets in single layer on lined baking sheets. Lightly coat with cooking spray. Bake in centre of oven for 30 mins., turning after 20 mins. or just until browned and tender. If trays are on separate racks, switch positions halfway through cooking time. Bake beets extra 10 mins., or until fork tender. Place vegetables on a large serving platter.

3. Dressing: Whisk the olive oil, vinegar, maple syrup and cinnamon in a small bowl. Pour the dressing over the roasted vegetables. Garnish with parsley and serve. ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Drink of the Week

Orange Haze for those fall nights

This not-so-kid-friendly murky and thick "orange haze" blends orange liqueur, chocolate liqueur and honey. It's perfect for the fall.

- 3/4 oz orange liqueur
- 3/4 oz milk chocolate cream liqueur
- 1/2 tsp honey
- Orange zest, to garnish

Pour the orange liqueur into a shot glass. Very slowly pour the chocolate liqueur down the side of the glass, then drizzle the honey over the top. Garnish with orange zest.

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A new approach to getting them to eat their veggies

Recently, for two weeks, I made it my mission to improve my 8-year-old son's tolerance of vegetables. I called it "veggie boot camp." He called it torture.

My approach was simple. Every lunch and dinner I prepared at least three vegetables. Of those, he needed to select and consume two of them.

While the vegetable boot camp was hardly a pleasant experience for anyone involved, it did result in real progress. After two weeks, my son now regularly eats vegetables at every lunch and dinner. He doesn't do it enthusiastically, but he does it. At this point in our lives, I'm good with that.

Early in the process, I found that roasting just about any vegetable dramatically improved my son's response to it.

This makes sense. Roasting concentrates flavours and caramelizes the natural sugars in produce. So to help other parents with veg-averse children, here is one of my son's favourite (by which, of course, I mean most likely to be gagged down) roasted vegetables.

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 2 pints cherry or grape tomatoes
- 2 tsp kosher salt
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper

Roasted Balsamic Cherry Tomatoes

Don't be put off by the amount of salt in this recipe; much of it drains off before the tomatoes are roasted. Salting the tomatoes helps draw out excess water, producing a better roasted tomato. These tomatoes can be served on their own as a side dish, or over pasta for a simple (but delicious) sauce.

1. Slice the tomatoes in half, then set them in a strainer. Sprinkle the salt over the tomatoes, then gently mix. Place the strainer in the sink or over a bowl and let sit for 15 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, heat the broiler. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil.

3. Give the tomatoes a shake to discard any liquid that has accumulated in the strainer. Transfer the tomatoes to a medium bowl. Add the remaining ingredients and toss well. Transfer the tomatoes to the prepared baking sheet, arranging them in an even layer.

4. Broil on the centre rack for 4 to 6 minutes, or until the tomatoes begin to brown and soften. Serve immediately.

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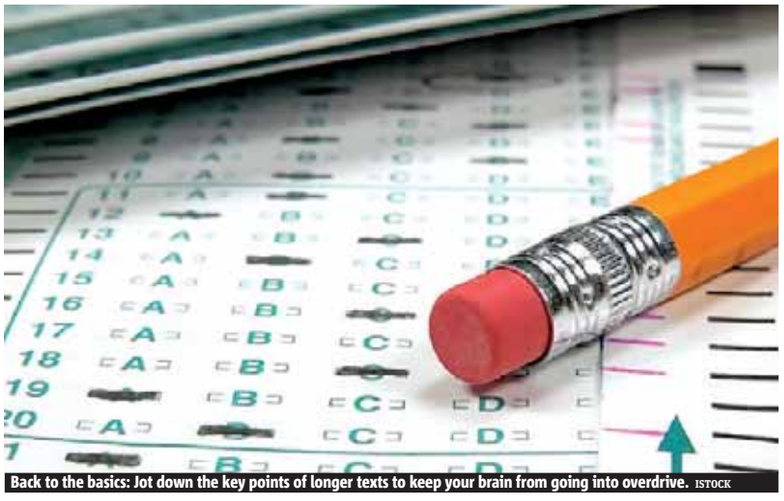

Back to the basics: Jot down the key points of longer texts to keep your brain from going into overdrive. ISTOCK

Studying can be tough — especially if you have multiple tests, exams or midterms to study for at once.

It's easy to fall asleep with your textbook on your face, or focus more on perfecting that homemade apple crisp than perfecting your math formulas.

Everyone has their own best practices when it comes to studying, so we asked around to find some common strategies for success when it comes to burying yourself in your books.

Find your study spot

The first step to successful studying is finding a spot that is study-specific and has limited distractions. You might even want to disconnect your WiFi and put your phone on airplane mode for an hour or two. Crazy, I know, but it will help you stay focused.

Review the main concepts

Reading through your notes and refreshing your memory on major concepts will make filling in the details later on that much easier. There's no sense in memorizing the dates of John Cabot's discoveries if you can't even recall what he did.

Change up the lingo

Reviewing concepts by using everyday language ensures you understand it. Furthermore, doing this helps you remember things more easily.

For example, if your philosophy textbook reads, "Relativism is the concept that points of view have no absolute truth or validity, having only relative, subjective value according to differences in perception and consideration," an easier way of saying this might be "Relativism means that your point of view is only your personal perception, and has no absolute truth or validity."

Speak out loud

Calling Helgason, a second-year Biology student at Trent University, says when she doesn't understand a concept she reads it out loud. "Talking through my notes breaks down the concepts and makes it easier to understand," she says.

This was a personal strategy of mine as well. I would pretend I was explaining something to someone else and, in turn, ended up learning it myself — a tad embarrassing when the roommates walked in, but the good grades made up for my rosy cheeks.

That being said, be aware of your surroundings. This might not fly too well in the quiet section of the library, but on your porch it's A-OK.

Rewrite your notes

Sandy Silveira, a student in the early childhood education program at Ryerson University, says when she studies she likes to write things out as well as saying them because it helps her remember them better.

Julie Dang, a Mathematical Science student at Western University, echoes this idea by stating that her strategy is to flip back through her textbooks and focus on everything that she highlighted when she initially did her readings. Then she writes out all the terminology and various formulas. "I do study questions over and over and over again," Julie says.

"I review my notes, and then I do more questions. Constantly practicing the formulas is the best way to remember them."

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Take breaks

Relax to retain

- You can't run on the treadmill for hours on end and your brain can't work out for that long either. It needs a break (Tetris, anyone?) as well as hydration (water, coffee and perhaps even an ice cream cone?).
- Allow your brain time to refresh and when you come back to the books, quickly recap what you learned before your break. This will make it stick even more.

Student Voice

'My life has only just begun'

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I've completed four co-op work terms, including positions in financial analysis, project management, and real estate industries assessment. I've been applying to jobs on the University of Waterloo's campus recruitment website (JobMine) as well as reaching out to people that I know and applying online.

It has been very frustrating because I have not received any interviews using online applications, and received only a few using JobMine for graduate positions. Even so, I have a tough time beating the competition as most students are either better at interviews or have more relevant experiences.

I returned to one of the employers for my co-operative work term, but I'm planning to transfer into the industry that I want to be in which is banking and finance. I've been discouraged so many times through countless rejection emails and I've lost hope. But in the end, I realized that my life has only just begun! I don't expect this process to be easy to be resolved, I will be relentless until I find the dream job I desire.

I am actively seeking open job opportunities. At the same time, I am putting more effort into contacting previous managers to seek personal recommendations which will increase my chances.

Where I am now

I just finished up my bachelor's degree and returned to one of my previous employers. However, I'm planning to transfer into the financial industry because I'm interested in pursuing my CMA designation.

My advice for employers, career centres and schools

I feel so limited in terms of which positions I can apply for. Even if I apply for entry-level positions, some demand exceptional skill sets; however, if there was a room for potential candidates to be groomed, that would be even better and encourage for students like myself to apply more often.

My recommendations for students

Everyone is a bright minded individual, and I bet any one else is far smarter and more agile than me. I encourage you to keep applying and remember to use your work relationships to your advantage. I found that using networking skills is far more effective than randomly applying online.

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Quit coasting: Make a mark

Keep up the good work. Collecting As and Bs can result in rewards from unexpected places

JESS TAYLOR
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After high school, most people are told it doesn't matter whether you get Cs or As in college or university, as long as you get that diploma or degree. However, while you're striving for that qualification, keeping your marks up can open more doors than you think.

During most of high school, I balanced work, a band and good grades, so I learned good study habits, which I brought with me to university.

Instead of partying, I would study. This might sound boring and not like the university life many people imagine, but I still had time for a social life as well. Every weekend I would go home from residence to play shows and chill with my band mates and boyfriend while at concerts. During the week, I saw my boyfriend usually for two days in a row. I just made sure I had time to do the work required to maintain my good grades.

During my second year of university, it was even more important for me to get good grades. I had my eye on the creative writing program at York, which required — along with an impressive portfolio of work — at least a B+ average, but mostly As if you wanted to ensure you were accepted. I was also striving to get scholarships.

I thought scholarships and getting into that program was all high marks were good for, but since then a couple of things have changed.

First, I decided I want to go to grad school after completing my undergrad. An MA or a PhD opens some doors in the job market, but even having an Honours BA, which requires a level of achievement in grades, may set me apart.

Then the emails started coming. Like most students, I thought the university didn't recognize me and the hard work I do, but I was wrong!

More than just a letter

"I thought scholarships and getting into that program was all high marks were good for..."
Jess Taylor

During the end of my second year, I was told about a special scholarship I could apply for, and more recently, I have been getting volunteer job offers from the university for mentoring new and returning students and leading orientations. These positions take very little time and look great on your resumé whether your goal is grad school or an entry-level job.

To receive these offers I didn't need straight As, just a B+ average. I think this is obtainable for most students with good study habits.

So keep those marks up! You never know what opportunities they will give you.

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Joel Powell didn't set out to be a dentist, much less a highly qualified surgical specialist. Originally from New Glasgow, N.S., Powell studied computer science at Dalhousie University.

"When I was a kid, the idea of being a dentist seemed cool, but I didn't care too much for biology and chemistry," he says. "Math, physics and computers came much more easily to me, so that's what I studied initially."

Unable to shake his childhood fascination, Powell began to sit in and observe both his family dentist and dentistry students at Dalhousie. No longer able to resist the temptation, he enrolled into the dentistry program before he completed his undergraduate degree. For the next 13 years, he studied, trained, interned and served residencies at various institutions, including Johns Hopkins Hospital and Emory University in the United States, specializing in oral and maxillofacial surgery. He returned to Canada, though, when an opportunity to join an existing practice opened up.

The transition to business operator from medical trainee can be difficult. Powell, like most professionals moving into their first practice, had amassed significant debt. And while his potential earnings were significant, establishing a surgical practice typically involves an investment of at least several hundred thousand dollars.

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Powell joined an existing practice: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Consultants, a team of professionals with offices across Nova Scotia.

"I love my work," he says. "And while it's taken me much longer than others to make money rather than pile up debt, I wouldn't change a thing."

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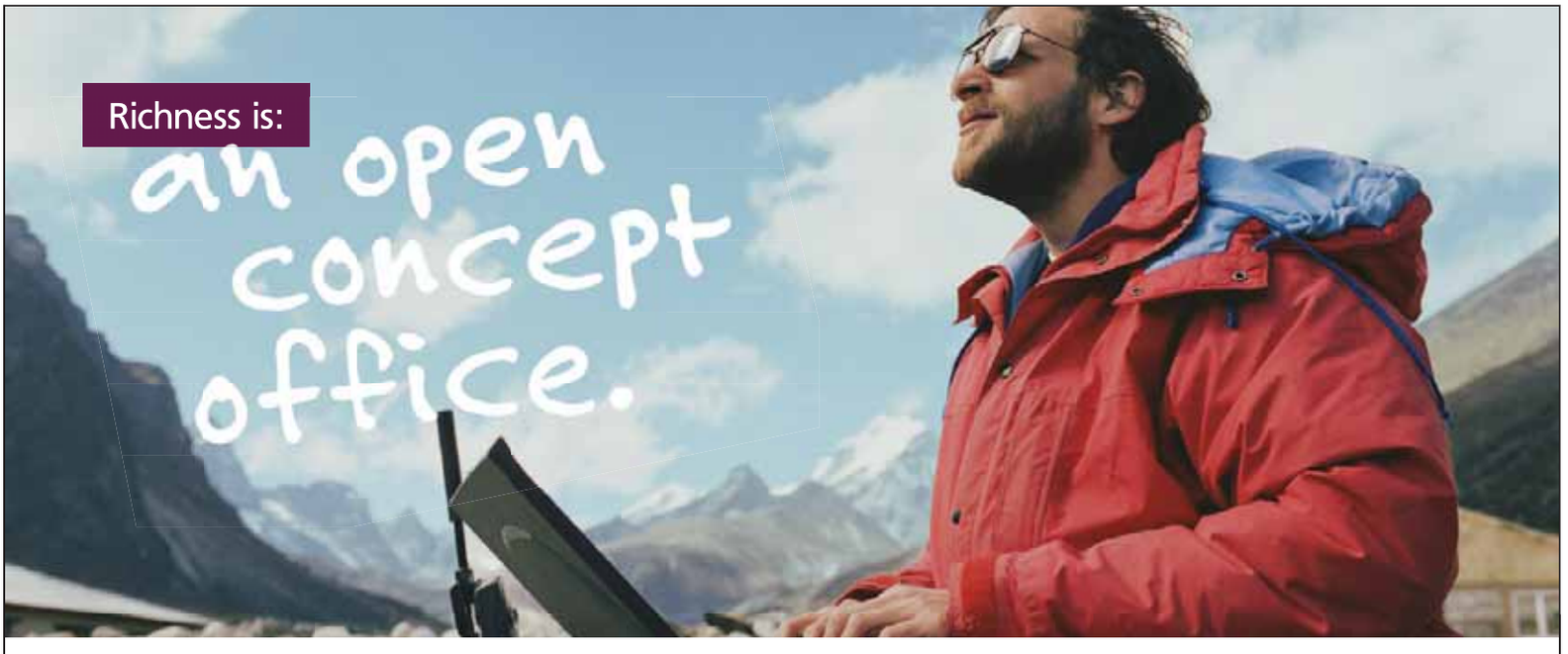

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Getting warmer: NHL budges on revenue

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, right, leaves with assistant commissioner Bill Daly after collective-bargaining talks on Tuesday in Toronto. The NHL has presented a new offer to the players. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Let the serious negotiations begin.

After more than a month with no new offers being tabled in collective-bargaining talks, the NHL breathed new life into the process on Tuesday with a proposal that could kick-start some significant discussions.

It calls for a 50-50 split of revenues between owners and players and includes a deferred salary plan designed to ensure that players would receive all the money they've been promised in existing contracts. On top of that, the deal was drawn up with an eye to starting a full 82-game regular season Nov. 2.

"We have about nine or 10 days to get this all ... signed, sealed and delivered," said commissioner Gary Bettman, who called the proposed deal "long-term."

A lot will need to be accomplished over that period. However, the unexpected proposal offered fans the first real hint of hope since the lockout began Sept. 15.

Quoted

"I would like to believe that it will be an excellent starting point and we can go forward and see if there is a deal to be made."

Donald Fehr, the NHLPA's executive director, on the league's latest proposal

Donald Fehr, the NHLPA's executive director, spent Tuesday afternoon reviewing the lengthy document and held an evening conference call with about 60 players. His initial reaction to the offer was that it could provide something to work with.

It wasn't immediately clear how willing the league is to negotiate off its latest offer. The NHL's previous proposal called for the players' revenue share to fall to 47 per cent and tabled a number of restrictive rules governing contracts.

According to a source, the only one that remains in Tuesday's proposal is a maximum contract length of five years.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada humbled by halftime

Soccer. National team chased from World Cup qualifying in debacle in Honduras

World Cup qualifier

Honduras	Canada
8	1

Carlo Costly, centre, celebrates after scoring while Canadians David Edgar, left, and Nikolas Ledgerwood hang their heads on Tuesday in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. ESTEBAN FELIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada's World Cup dreams were snuffed out in brutal fashion on Tuesday as Honduras put them to the sword 8-1 in a do-or-die qualifying match.

It's a bitter pill to swallow for a Canadian team that went into the match controlling its fate with an unswerving belief that it deserved to move on. That is, until Tuesday, when the wheels came off the Canadian bus in a shocking display.

Canada entered the hostile confines of a sold-out Estadio Olimpico Metropolitano in San Pedro Sula knowing that a tie or win would be enough to move on to the final round of qualifying in the CONCACAF region, which covers North and Central America and the Caribbean. The Hondurans, looking to please their fans on an extended national holiday, needed a win.

Asked if the moment had got to his team, Canadian coach Stephen Hart offered a one-word answer — "Yes."

"You're supposed to go down all guns blazing, you're supposed to fight," he added. "You're supposed to die out there.

"We were horrible.... It's disturbing to me that the team fell apart."

It was Canada's worst loss since an 8-0 drubbing in Mexico in 1993.

"We pretty much embarrassed ourselves," said midfielder Julian de Guzman.

"We were terrible.... It's an absolute low for us," added captain Kevin McKenna.

Honduras' speed and clinical finishing — combined with Canada's clown-like defending — ended the suspense early, racking up a 4-0 lead after just 32 minutes. It looked easy against a Canadian side that wasn't up to the challenge.

"We let in goals early and fell apart. Mentally and physically," Hart said.

Jerry Bengston and Carlo Costly each scored three goals for Honduras, while Mario Martinez added two of his own.

Substitute Iain Hume scored a consolation goal off a nice free kick in the 76th minute before Bengston restored the six-goal cushion six minutes later as the Canadian defence crumbled around him. Costly then scored on an 88th-minute header to complete the rout.

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Quoted

"I know they'll never forgive me but on behalf of the players, forgive them."

Head coach Stephen Hart's plea to Canadian soccer fans. With two years left on his contract, Hart said he has to consider his coaching future after Tuesday's crushing result.

MLB. Giants manager says Scutaro likely to play Game 3

Second baseman Marco Scutaro grimaces as his leg is caught under a sliding Matt Holliday on Monday in San Francisco. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

San Francisco Giants manager Bruce Bochy calls it a "good chance" second baseman Marco Scutaro will play in Game 3 of the NL championship series against the Cardinals on Wednesday after injuring his hip during Monday's Game 2.

Bochy said in a text message to The Associated Press on Tuesday that Scutaro is "doing fine."

Scutaro strained his left hip when the Cardinals' Matt Holliday crashed into him with a hard slide in Game 2 on Monday night.

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Verlander stymies Yankees to move Tigers closer to sweep

Game 3

Tigers	Yankees
2	1

Justin Verlander took a shutout into the ninth inning and the Detroit Tigers held on to beat the New York Yankees 2-1 Tuesday night for a 3-0 lead in the AL championship series.

Phil Coke gave up consecutive singles with two outs in the ninth before striking out post-season star Raul Ibanez for his second save in two games.

Verlander allowed only a pair of singles by Ichiro Suzuki and a leadoff homer by Eduardo Nunez in the ninth. Delmon Young hit a solo home run for the Tigers, and Miguel Cabrera had an RBI double.

Yankees starter Phil Hughes was lifted in the fourth because of a stiff back, and manager Joe Girardi's lineup shuffle — Alex Rodriguez was benched again — failed to snap New York out of its untimely hitting funk.

The Tigers were on a historic pitching run even before their ace took the mound Tuesday. With the exception of a four-run ninth inning against Detroit closer Jose Valverde in Game 1, New York had been shut out for the entire series.

Nunez's homer snapped a streak of 37 innings by Detroit starters without allowing an earned run, the longest in a single post-season in the live-ball era. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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2013 Hyundai Elantra GT

- **Type.** Four door, front wheel drive, compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp).** 1.8-litre DOHC I4 (148).
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual, six-speed automatic (optional).
- **Base Price (incl. destination).** $20,650

The standard - and only - engine is a 148-horsepower 1.8-litre four-cylinder.

Transmission

The GT as well as the rest of the Elantra trio, operates with a 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine that produces 148 horsepower and 131 pound-feet of torque. The peppy mill is rated at 7.2 l/100 km in the city and 4.9 highway when connected to a six-speed manual transmission, and 7.3/5.0 with optional six-speed automatic.

Styling

An added bonus is the GT's slippery-shaped design that rivals the Coupe's, although all three Elantras are handsome rigs in their own way. The GT's Hyundai Veloster-style open-mouth grille/air intake resembles the Coupe's, with both body styles eschewing the sedan's more conservative schnoz.

Fuel economy

Hyundai claims the GT possesses about a 720-kilometre maximum range, which is as much a function of gas-tank size as it is fuel economy. It also doesn't hurt that, at a relatively light 1,265 kilograms, the GT is 70-90 kilograms lighter than its primary rivals.

Review. New GT isn't as big as the Touring but it speaks our kind of language: design language

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

If a hatchback is on your radar, the Hyundai Elantra GT with its "Fluidic Sculpture" design language might prove to be the right thirst-quencher.

In a world gone mad for small, fuel-efficient cars – not surprising given today's pump prices – Hyundai's compact line-up attempts to cover the bases. If your search involves acquiring a vehicle with purposeful practicality, the new Elantra GT might fill the bill just as easily as you can fill its flexible-stowage area.

The GT fills the void left by the departing Elantra Touring model, but not in the most direct way. Although neatly styled, the Touring was first and foremost a wagon, while the more rounded GT is definitely hatchback-oriented. Yes, the lines between hatch and wagon tend to get a bit fuzzy, but with about an 18-centimetre deficit in overall length and 20 per cent less total cargo space the GT qualifies as a hatchback.

In back, a 60:40 split rear bench folds relatively flat. By Hyundai's slide rule, the GT has more cargo and passenger room than several of its peers, including the Golf, Ford Focus and Mazda3 hatches.

For serious drivers, the GT's firm suspension with stiffer springs, shocks and stabilizer bars is definitely appreciated.

Then there's the accessory packages if your pockets are deeper that bundle a panoramic sunroof, rear-view camera leather seats and other trinkets. Selecting a hatchback and sprinkling it with some performance-like attitude seems like a tempting way to go about your business and that applies to the Elantra GT, which also thumbs its nose at gas pumps while toting life's treasures, human and otherwise.

Hyundai has become as proficient at tidy interior design as it has at the outside details.

It's shorter than the Elantra Touring it replaces, but with this kind of high style it's unlikely that anyone will miss the space.

By comparison

1 Kia Forte5
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2 Volkswagen Golf
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3 Ford Focus hatchback
Base Price: $21,150

DRIVE

Taking the test: Honda offers up some real-world hybrid Insight

AutoKnow. Today's crossbreeds appear good on paper, but how do they handle the open road?

JOE KNYCHA
Wheelbase Media

It's widely known that hybrid vehicles shine brightest in high-density stop-and-go traffic, achieving in the process low fuel consumption and ultra-low greenhouse-gas emissions. That's because the built-in electric motor helps the gas engine get the car rolling.

But how are they on the open road? More to the point, how do they fare in wide-ranging road traffic? Can they cover great distances in comfort yet deliver a decent ride without working their little hybrid hearts into a state of mechanical coronary?

In an attempt to answer the bigger questions of the universe, Honda surrendered a new-generation Insight hybrid for an outing through the rugged Precambrian shield running alongside Lake Superior, which borders Michigan. The average speed was about 100 km-h over 10 hours with frequent scenic stops along the way; the road climbs and drops majestically, all the while snaking along Superior's craggy shores.

Spirited driving isn't the point of the Insight and so, responsibly, we steadfastly minded speed limits and drove in as smooth a manner as possible with lightly applied throttle inputs to probe its higher-speed fuel economy. The gasoline/electric drive system, though able to deliver near-brisk performance if required, is in its element when the driver strives for economy and smoothness.

The Insight actually assists in this effort through in-dash displays that show: fuel consumption; when it's running on gas, electric or both; and when the on-board batteries are being re-charged, capturing the Insight's rolling (kinetic) energy through "regenerative" braking, and when decelerating.

Another readout displays a five-branch tree that rates the green-ness of the drive: the branches disappear or come back based on how aggressively the throttle is used. Push a little harder and the light that bathes the instrument panel blends to blue from green, returning to green when pressure eases. It's subtle and quietly keeps one mindful.

The 1.3-litre (that's just 79.3 cubic inches) four-cylinder gas engine has a single overhead camshaft, two valves per cylinder and variable valve timing. Driving the front wheels, it's small by conventional reckoning, but mated to Honda's fifth-generation Integrated Motor Assist (IMA) hybrid system, it carries the freight, operating quietly, seamlessly and effortlessly.

Sitting silently at the stoplights with the gas engine automatically shut down, you wouldn't think the Insight would win any drag races, but it does acquit itself well against other vehicles in its class. Acceleration can approach brisk when the throttle is pressed deep into the pile carpet mats, useful for passing maneuvers and when accelerating onto fast-moving freeways, but not so much for extending fuel economy.

Weight is typically the enemy of fuel economy, so it's with some irony that the IMA adds almost 25 kilograms over a comparably equipped Civic, yet gives superior fuel economy, which speaks well of the system's efficiency. Throughout the drive, fuel economy hovered mostly around the 5.0-l/100-km mark. After a while, it becomes almost obsessive to see how low you can drive the consumption, and for how long at a time.

The interior accommodates four average-sized adults. The front bucket seats are firm and began to feel that way after several hours. The dash and controls are well placed and functional though overhead glare on the spade-shaped cover at the top of the instrument panel was visible several times throughout the drive. The thick rear pillars that taper back to the tidy aerodynamic rear end make backing up an exercise in neck-craning, and the view through the rear-view mirror is restricted.

With the back seats folded flat, the seemingly small hatchback swallows a surprising amount of cargo, an essential quality for out-of-city driving. With the rear doors open and the hatch lid raised, loading large and bulky items is easy.

When the first-generation Insight beat all other hybrid-powered vehicles to market more than a decade ago, it launched a terrific idea, but in a body style that while looking sleek and futuristic, didn't exactly set the world ablaze. As two-seater coupe, it had limited cargo space and didn't fit many lifestyles.

Starting at about $22,000, the Insight offers all the functionality and then some of a compact sedan and depending on the view, in a somewhat futuristic design. The front disc/rear drum brakes are also unlike the original Insight's in that they have excellent pedal feel and are very easily modulated.

And to answer the obvious question many will ask: over the entire 800 kilometres, not once did a string of cars pile up behind us waiting to pass.

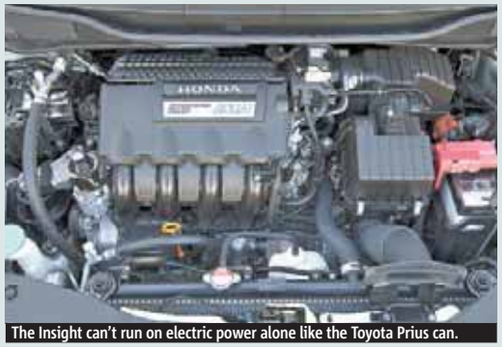
The Insight looks like a normal compact car because it is, and then some. It just adds an electric helper motor to assist accelerating the vehicle. ALL IMAGES WHEELBASE

As you can see, the current Insight has tons of room in the back.

The dash encourages conservation over a lead foot.

Under the hood

Burning regular gas, the engine rates at 88 (hp) at 5,800 rpm, with torque at 123 pound-feet at 4,500 rpm. When engaged, the IMA adds up to 13 more horses at 1,500 rpm and a further 58 pound-feet of torque to the mix. Unlike the Toyota Prius, the Insight fails to operate on electric power alone. When accelerating, the gas engine is always running, given a boost by the IMA.



The Insight can't run on electric power alone like the Toyota Prius can.

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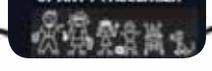

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A glimpse into the near future: Cars that will be catching the eye in 2014

Let the battle begin.
Fuel efficiency and technology will be the focus as automakers square off with their new, improved designs

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The Porsche 918 will be a halo model for the brand and it also happens to be a hybrid. ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE

The Ford Evo's concept points the way toward a new Mustang

The Jaguar F-Type

The Chevrolet Impala

The futuristic interior of the Chevrolet Impala

At the same time the curtain is rising on a tech-savvy and unpredictable 2013 new-car market, automakers are continuing to leak some sneak peaks into what we can expect when the 2014 turf war begins a year from now.

The popular design trends for the 2014 models won't be drastically different from what manufacturers rolled into showrooms for 2013, but with dozens of all-new 2014 entries on the way from Acura, Chevrolet, Cadillac, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, Volkswagen and others – along with some edgy redesigns and updates coming from many other top automakers – 2014 should again be a competitive year in an improving North American market. Not unlike the 2013 battle plan for most manufacturers, fuel efficiency, technology and sleek styling will highlight the race for 2014 sales supremacy.

Volatile gas prices, eco-consciousness and looming minimum fuel-economy standards from the U.S. government will keep efficiency technology as the top priority for buyers and builders in 2014. Legislation was signed in the U.S. in August that requires automakers to meet a fuel efficiency standard of 35.5 mpg (6.6 l/100 km) by 2016 for its cars and light trucks. Of course the affect will be felt here in Canada.

"Fuel mileage is a full consideration point for most car buyers in most segments," said Chris Woodyard, automotive news analyst for daily newspaper USA Today. "All the manufacturers are trying to reach those new standards the fastest." Efficiency initiatives have certainly kept engineers busy with their 2014 designs.

A growing emphasis on the gas/electric hybrid and plug-in hybrid markets will be worth watching as competition grows with every model year. Even Porsche is introducing the 918 Spyder plug-in, trying to invade this market with its pricey – as in $850,000 – high-performance entry. The BMW 1-Series Compact, the Mazda 6 and the Infiniti Compact are three examples of manufacturers thinking smaller and lighter in 2014, building with more aluminum to improve fuel mileage through lighter vehicles.

Other popular models such as the Nissan Sentra and Ford Mustang will offer a smaller engine option as another choice for better fuel efficiency. Vehicles equipped with the popular turbochargers and gasoline direct injection fuel systems (the 2014 Chevrolet Corvette, for one) will also be prominent in showrooms.

"And while gas prices have been jumping around, I think auto buyers have become conditioned to think that $5 (per gallon) gas is not an impossibility," Woodyard said. "And if you're an automaker, you are desperately trying to find a way to respond to that."

In fact, prices in California really shot past $5 a U.S. gallon while many Canadians have seen $1.40 a litre and higher. So while going farther on less gas will continue to be the primary battle focus, there will be other focuses. "No doubt, technology is really where the action is," Woodyard said. "With the rise of the 'Gen X' generation and the 'Gen Y' generation, they don't care that much about cars, but they care a lot about cell phones and cell-phone technology, so automakers are forced to try and emulate that, try to pick up on that theme."

And the manufacturers are sparing no means to that end, installing all the gadgetry a vehicle can offer, while keeping an eye on safety improvements through fewer distractions and less fidgeting with hands-on display screens. Cadillac offered its CUE navigation and entertainment system on select 2012 and 2013 models, but expect wider access to this groundbreaking technology option in 2014.

Similar to the Kinect gaming system from XBox, CUE recognizes and responds to hand gestures and body movements to help drivers keep their eyes on the road when performing certain requests. Perhaps a wink of the eye will turn the radio on, a head tilt can control the volume, a tap on the steering wheel changes the channel, just to name some basics. Voice-activated systems will also be prevalent in the 2014 models, as in-car technology follows the lead of the Flurry-type interactive systems used in iPhone and Droid cell phones.

"That kind of technology is going to be a slam dunk to migrate over to cars," said Woodyard, warning that driver adaptation to these advanced systems will likely create some frustration. "This is the kind of thing that can filter down to other cars. When somebody is on the cutting-edge forefront of something, everybody else wants it."

In addition to efficiency and technology improvements, manufactures are also putting a heavy emphasis on interior and exterior styling when the 2014 models take centre stage at the Los Angeles, Calif., and Detroit. Mich., auto shows in the coming months. Woodyard said the most recognizable styling trend for the 2014 models is a return to the sloped-back look, not unlike the new Ford Fusion that stretches the roof back to the trunk.

The sloped-back design was resurrected, at least in part, by a series of cars such as the Audi A7 and Volkswagen CC. The 2014 Impala is creating much buzz after a fresh full redesign that includes this sophisticated styling as General Motors tries to re-establish relevance in the full-size sedan market, occupied by stalwarts such as the Ford Taurus, Chrysler 300 and Dodge Charger.

An improving automotive market in North America, fresh designs, hip technology and new entries in the most competitive market segments should make 2014 a trend-setting model year.

"It's all incremental but there are definitely changes taking place," Woodyard said. "If the automaker still has money, if they are not having to push (redesigns) off because they went broke, they will all stay on schedule . . . And if they really want to be bold they will try something completely new, knowing that it could be a huge hit or a huge flop. These will turn up in the auto shows, along with plenty of surprises."

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Common Issues

Listen to the engine idle, after confirming its oil level and condition are satisfactory. Rattling sounds at idle or lower revs may be indicative of a rare but relevant timing-chain problem that's expensive to fix. This seemed to affect 2004 models, mostly.

Timing chains generally don't require maintenance as long as oil change schedules are strictly adhered to. Be sure that's been the case for the used Quest you're considering. Some owners have reported premature wear of consumable parts, like brakes, so note that a 'shimmying' sensation in the front end during braking indicates a brake job is likely in your Quest's future. Power tailgate and power sliding door mechanism failure may be other issues, alongside a water-leak that could be evidenced by moisture in the headliner.

What Owners Like

Typically, Quest's styling, unique design, sky-view roof system and upscale interior looks are highly rated by owners. Spaciousness, handling and overall comfort are also mentioned.

What Owners Dislike

Owner complaints deal with flimsy interior trim, poorly thought-out cupholder layout, limited third-row space and poorer-than-expected mileage.

Engine

All models come equipped with a 3.5 litre V6 with 240 horsepower driving the front wheels through an automatic transmission.

Verdict

To maximize the likelihood of reliable long-term operation, skip used Quest models with the sunroof, power sliding doors and power tailgate where possible.

A peek inside the Quest

Rich choice to get bang for your gas buck: How to pick a fuel efficient transmission

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1 Ear ring maps

The fertile minds of designers Svetlana Blum Briscella and John Briscella of Brooklyn's Aminimal Studio have come up with one of the more novel jewelry themes around. Their collection of earrings and pendants consists of miniature road maps, or portions of road maps, that feature selected cities in the U.S., as well as other worldwide locales. Along with specific areas of their New York City hometown, the variety includes parts of Los Angeles, (Beverly Hills), Las Vegas, San Francisco, Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis, and Miami, to name just a few. All of their jewelry pieces are stainless-steel and priced at $40 US a set. Visit aminimalstudio.com.

2 License to steal, or hard to steal

Your licence plate and registration tags are worth a small fortune to a thief and could be used in a variety of illegal ways, from avoiding tollbooth and parking fees to committing much more serious crimes. With thefts of this nature reportedly on the rise, it's worth it to protect yourself from having your vehicular identity stolen with a Platesafe kit from Camisasca Automotive Mfg. The product consists of a heavy-gauge stainless-steel licence-plate frame plus a clear cover made from impact-resistant polycarbonate. You also receive a set of two tamper-proof security caps that you attach using the existing frame screws. A set sells for $50 US and can be ordered through camincstore.com.

3 Survival kit for your vehicle

When you're out highway driving this winter, or heading well away from civilization, you should consider packing some emergency provisions. The Essential Survival Kit from The Wise Company allows you to transport all of life's basic necessities for one person to live on for two weeks, or two people for one week, all stored in a single five-kilogram backpack. The food consists of 44 servings of various freeze-dried meals with a 25-year shelf life. In addition, you get a portable stove with fuel pellets, water filtration bottle, cutlery set, waterproof matches, first-aid kit, flashlight/toolkit, two Mylar sleeping bags, work gloves and other handy items. The kit retails for $179 US at wisefoodstorage.com.

4 Car cake anyone?

Who says that cupcakes have to be round? Certainly not Nordic Ware of Minneapolis, Minn. Among its many products is this whimsical Sweet Rides Classic Car cupcake pan. The heavy-duty cast aluminum pan features eight distinctive molds of different vehicles. You might be hard-pressed to pick out the make and model of each shape, but if you stare at the pan long enough you could spot a 1955 Chevrolet Nomad wagon, Model T Ford, 1960 Cadillac Eldorado convertible and what appears to be a 1950s-era Dodge or Ford pickup. You'll have fun trying to figure out the rest, but decorating and eating the cupcakes made using the Classic Car pan is the most fun of all. The pan sells for US $33 at nordicware.com/store.

5 Tracks on walls

Home decor graphics company Bilk, based in Venice, Calif., offers up some really amazing self-adhesive wall decals. And what's really neat is that you can remove and reuse them over and over again. For those who are into slot cars, the company sells its Race Ya' Re-Stik pattern that can convert a bare wall into a conversation piece for kids of all ages. Each of the 35 panels that make up each piece can be configured in a variety of layouts, limited only by one's imagination (the company describes the process as "easy peasey"). The Race Ya' pattern sells for $35 US and can be purchased directly from the company at whatisbilk.com/shop.

6 Trust in the Thrustmaster!

Here's a product that's so gearhead-cool, you might just get it as a decoration. That would be a shame, however, since the Thrustmaster T500 F1 is a full-size replica of a 2011 Ferrari Formula One racing steering wheel. It's specifically designed to be used in conjunction with Thrustmaster's Racing Wheel Stand plus a variety of racing simulation games, including Play Station's Gran Turismo or F1 2000 series. Unless you're a serious gamer, you'll likely spend hours trying to learn what the various knobs, dials and buttons are for, but if Ferrari pilots Fernando Alonso and Felipe Massa can do it, then maybe you can, too. The wheel is priced at $200 US Go to thrustmaster.com or the shops.

7 Harness the power of a dog

It's amazing how many people fail to properly secure their pets when hitting the road. To extend some common-sense travel protection to your best friend, consider a Kurgo Tru Fit Smart Harness. This product is manufactured using the same webbed material used to make seatbelts. As well, the adjustable padded chest plate adds an extra measure of doggie safety and comfort. The harness can also be used when taking your pet outside for a walk. And with the optional zip line, your dog can still safely roam around the back seat. The Smart Harness retails for $23 US, or with the zip line is $38. Visit kurgostore.com.

8 Corvette fans time to rejoice

Hard to imagine, but what is considered North America's first sports car turns 60 in 2013. Author Randy Leffingwell has considerable experience writing about the Corvette, and his latest book expands on the topic and includes photos (many never before published), descriptions and lots of commentary on all six generations of Corvettes, from 1953 to the present day. Leffingwell also reviews the people who have influenced the car's development, including designers, engineers, marketers and racing drivers. For hard-core enthusiasts and casual observers alike, Corvette Sixty Years is a must-have read. Buy at your local bookstore or order online for $31.50 US.

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Advice

- **No feet up.** Never let passengers ride with their feet on the dash, as a deploying airbag could do severe damage to their legs.
- **When hitting the gas.** Your heel should rest on the floor when the ball of your foot is on the throttle pedal

You know all about wearing your seatbelt, but that's only half the story. Sitting in the right position is also essential to vehicle control and safety.

"The steering wheel, seatbelt, head restraint, seat, mirrors, and pedals are the key points we're trying to get across," says Silvana Aceto, spokesperson for CAA (Canadian Automobile Association) South Central Ontario.

"It's important that you are seated properly to make sure you are in control when you're behind the wheel."

You should be at least 25 cm (10 inches) away from the steering wheel, which puts you at a safe distance if the airbag deploys.

The wheel should be pointed at your chest, but high enough that your thigh doesn't hit it when you're moving your foot to the brake pedal. You should be able to push all pedals as far as they'll go, using the ball of your foot, not your toes.

The middle of the head restraint should be at the level of your ears, and no more than 6 cm (2.5 inches) away, to help prevent whiplash.

Put your hands at the nine and three o'clock position on the steering wheel. "For years we said 10 and two, but if the airbag is deployed and your hands are up further, they can fly back and possibly hit you in the face," Aceto says. "If you're at nine and three, your hands will fly out to the sides and decrease your risk of injury."

To minimize blind spots around your car, lean to the right until you're over the centre console or below the rearview mirror, and then adjust your right outside mirror until you can just see the edge of your vehicle. Now lean to the left, against the closed window, and do the same for the left outside mirror. Adjust the rearview mirror so you're looking out the back window.

Finally, adjust the seatbelt over your collarbone so it lies flat on your chest, and put the lap portion over your hip bones, not your abdomen.

Most cars have height adjusters where the belt attaches to the pillar so you can fit it properly. Never put the belt under your arm, where it can break your ribs.

"Look for how well you fit when you're buying a vehicle," Aceto says. "There are certain ones that won't fit you, and you need to look at these things. Be sure to shop around."

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Blistering Bloodhound could eclipse famous faller Felix in 2014

Land speed record. British team will try to beat Baumgartner's gravity-pulled speed with blue torpedo-like vehicle in the desert

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Want to go faster on Earth than skydiver Felix Baumgartner did returning to Earth? Then you'll have to get something like the Bloodhound rocket car. CONTRIBUTED

Like millions, I was awestruck by the images of Felix Baumgartner on the steps of his capsule, 39 kilometres above the Earth — a height that reveals the curvature of our planet and the blackness of space. Then he jumped. Wow.

His moment of release had to be one of the wildest and conflicted sensations ever experienced by a human.

But it was only the prelude. Then he accelerated to 1,342 km/h (834 mph)! That's a crazy number for a thing not attached to jet power.

It's also quite faster than the existing land speed record. A British team and its Thrust SSC rocket-car, hold the record, at 763 mph. That was over 15 years ago and speaks to how difficult is it to get a human going that fast down here on earth.

The same British team is planning another "go" in 2014, with its new rocket car, the Bloodhound. Last time they went after the sound barrier. This time they're shooting for 1,000 mph. To make that happen Bloodhound's rocket is designed to generate 27,500 pounds of thrust, the equivalent of 80,000 horsepower.

Felix Baumgartner had zero horsepower, zero thrust. His speed was simply another reminder of gravity's immense power, and another opportunity to ponder about harnessing it for our energy needs.

A gravity-engine under the hood of your Ford? Don't hold your breath. For starters, gravity engines are so far only theoretical. Apparently there are a couple of laws of physics spoiling the reality party. Secondly, these theoretical engines are taller than they are wide, for obvious reasons, and not at all cool looking. I wouldn't sign up for one on aesthetic reasons alone.

And thirdly, gravity is actually a weak force. It worked on Felix because he was so small, and the big old Earth was so big. So if we ever do use it for transportation, it would be on the mass transit side. The most bizarre concept utilizing gravity has to be the Gravity Train proposed by British scientist, Robert Hooke, sometime in the 17th century. He proposed a series of tunnels drilled through the Earth. One could connect Spain with New Zealand for example. A train entering the tunnel at either end would accelerate toward the centre of the earth, and then gradually decelerate after the halfway mark. According to Hooke's calculations, if the train operated in a frictionless environment it would reach the surface at the opposite end of the tunnel at the exact moment its speed reached zero.

Even less ambitious proposals for harnessing gravity power seem far-fetched. Most people believe that if we haven't figured it out yet, it's not going to happen. This is essentially the same argument about time travel — we never solve time travel, because no one from the past or future has visited us here in the present. I don't buy it… There was this creepy guy I saw at the mall once. I'm sure he was from the 1980s, he just didn't know it. So there's hope for gravity engines too.

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Is orange your colour?

Do it white: Colour tops car charts

Top five. Silver ranks a close second followed by black, gray and red

If you bought a new vehicle this year, chances are high it was white or silver.

Twenty-two per cent of cars and trucks built for the 2012 model year have white paint, making it the most popular colour worldwide. Silver is close behind, at 20 per cent, followed by black at 19 per cent. Gray and red follow to make up the top five. White is the most popular colour for the second year in a row after overtaking silver in 2011. The annual rankings are compiled by automotive paint supplier PPG Industries Inc., a Pittsburgh-based company that provides paints to General Motors Co., Ford Motor Co., BMW AG and others.

The rankings are skewed somewhat by the large number of pickup trucks on the market. Trucks accounted for 55 per cent of North American production in the first eight months of this year, according to Ward's, which compiles automotive data. One in four pickups produced is white because business owners often use them as work trucks and paint logos on them. By comparison, 19 per cent of mid-size cars made in North America are white.

White, which was also popular in the 1980s, is making a comeback as a modern, high-tech colour thanks in part to Apple Inc.'s all-white stores and glossy white gadgets, said Jane Harrington, PPG's manager of colour styling for car companies. Manufacturers are also making more varieties of white, from the flat, bright white on many vans to the pearly cream of luxury SUVs.

Silver also rose in popularity as a high-tech colour starting in the 2000s, and remains especially popular choice in Asia. It remains in vogue because it highlights every angle of a car, Harrington said.

"Silver looks great on any design," Harrington said.

White and other "safe" colours – silver, grey and black – also got more popular during the economic downturn, as buyers stopped leasing and bought vehicles they expected to hold on to for much longer, said Michelle Killen, GM's lead colour designer for exterior paints. They were leery of some of the more daring colours on the market, like the magenta available on the Ford Fiesta or the bright orange on the Scion iQ. "Buyers want to purchase a colour they won't grow tired of over an extended period of time," Killen said.

Colour choices vary by geography. You'll find more red vehicles in North America. Black and grey overtake silver in popularity in Europe. Drivers in Asia like tan and gold but not green. Only about seven per cent of cars in every region are blue. PPG, which also develops paints for cellphones, laptops, airplanes and houses, bases its automotive paints on trends it sees in fashion, interior design and other areas. PPG starts showing paints to carmakers three or four years ahead of a model's release, and automakers settle on colours two years before a model goes on sale.

Harrington predicts customers will see more browns and oranges over the next two years, especially on luxury cars. Brown - which reminds people of leather or a rich cup of coffee - evokes luxury around the world. Earthy colours are also appealing to drivers concerned about the environment.

As for the 2015 and 2016 model years, PPG is showing 64 future colour options to automakers this week. Among those are Al Fresco, a silver metallic with a green tint; Glacier, an icy grey with a violet blue tone; and Elixir, a metallic mixture of silver and magenta.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
The more you do for friends and work colleagues today, the more they will do for you later on — and you will come out ahead of the game. Is that selfish? Maybe. But it's a higher kind of selfishness.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Your task today is to focus all your attention and all your energy in a single direction. Don't let your concentration stray for even a moment. You can achieve something extraordinary, but you've got to be single-minded.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Good things are going to happen over the next two or three days. Anything of a creative, romantic or artistic nature is under excellent stars at the moment. So, don't hold back. Give it all you've got.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
This is the ideal time to let partners and loved ones know how much you care for them. The Sun in the domestic area of your chart makes it easy for you to reveal your innermost thoughts and feelings.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Get out into the world and have a good time. Meet as many interesting new people as you possibly can. Don't worry about your work. It will still be there waiting for you when you get back — if you get back!

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You want to buy yourself lots of pretty things, no matter how much they cost. But can you afford it? Don't spend up to your credit limit now and spend the rest of the year living on bread and water.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Make the most of the opportunities that come your way over the next few days. If you don't, you will hate yourself for being too slow and indecisive. Find the courage to take the kind of risks most people avoid.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You need to decide what is going to be your number one aim — and you need to get after it today and every day until you have reached your ultimate goal. What moves you? What inspires you?

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The more you work with those who share your aims and ideals, the more of a positive effect you will have on the world around you — and the more fun you will have.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are about to be tested and challenged like never before. Do you have what it takes to confront your inner demons? Do you have the strength to battle them and overcome them? Of course you do.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You have got to stand up for what you believe. Unless you are clear in your own mind what it is that's worth fighting for, you won't be able to persuade others to fight for it too. They need you to lead.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
There seems to be a lot of deception and trickery going on at the moment, so it will pay you to be on your guard. Anyone who promises you the world for a small investment is either mad or bad — or both.

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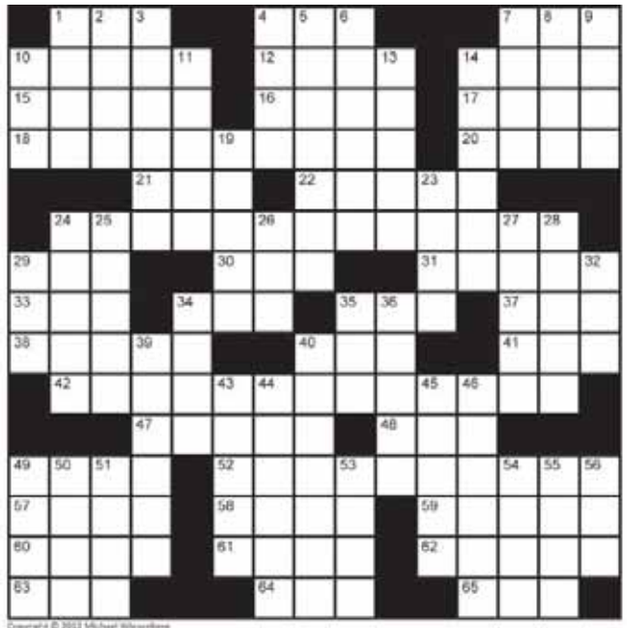
A Range, a City, a Group, a Province

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. Existed
4. Chicken ___ king (2 wds.)
7. By what means
10. African animal whose full name means "river horse"
12. Ship's spar
14. Mentally sound
15. Syrian president Bashar al-___
16. *Free Willy* star
17. French islands
18. They form the Alberta-BC border (2 wds.)
20. Exam
21. Wed. preceder
22. Playful caper
24. PEI city known as "The Birthplace of Confederation"
29. Corrida cheer
30. ___ Vegas
31. Comment made while fanning oneself (2 wds.)
33. Day's coolest temperature
34. "Shame on you!"
35. Parliamentarians, for short
37. 7th Greek letter (looks like an H)
38. "___ circumstances beyond our control ..." (2 wds.)
40. Alumna bio word
41. Small drink of liquor
42. Rock band from Kingston, Ontario, nine of whose albums have reached #1 in Canada; with "The" (2 wds.)
47. Native New Zealander
48. Duo
49. Country road
52. Maritime Province (2 wds)
57. Great poker start
58. Baker's frosting tool
59. Add ___ of salt: recipe direction (2 wds.)
60. Canadian Liberal, familiarly
61. Adorable
62. Farm storage buildings
63. Poivre tablemate
64. Ocean
65. Santa's helper

Down
1. Desire
2. Altar end of church
3. Aggressive ancient Greek city-state
4. Violently frenzied
5. Cowboy ropes
6. Climber's task
7. ___ and hearty: able-bodied
8. Single units
9. BC's Coast
10. Chapeau
11. Smell
13. Delicate discrimination
14. Funny TV series, for short
19. Jail units
23. Response to "Can that be true?" (2 wds.)
24. Influence, as in politics
25. Tree cutter
26. Acorn dropper
27. "___ Was Young": Animals hit (2 wds.)
28. What a dissatisfied diner may leave (2 wds.)
29. Stale
32. Open, as a keg
34. Greek garb
35. *Mad Max* actor Gibson
36. Animal skins
39. Least thrilling
40. Artless simplicity
43. Classical architecture style dating back to ancient Greece
44. Early spring bloomer
45. Workout spots for women, for short
46. Sweatshirt with a top
49. Brings up the rear
50. 4,047 square metres
51. Toronto-born rocker Young
53. Carpet measurement
54. Exaggerated, as a story
55. "That ___ no concern to you": "None of your business" (2 wds.)
56. Satisfied sounds

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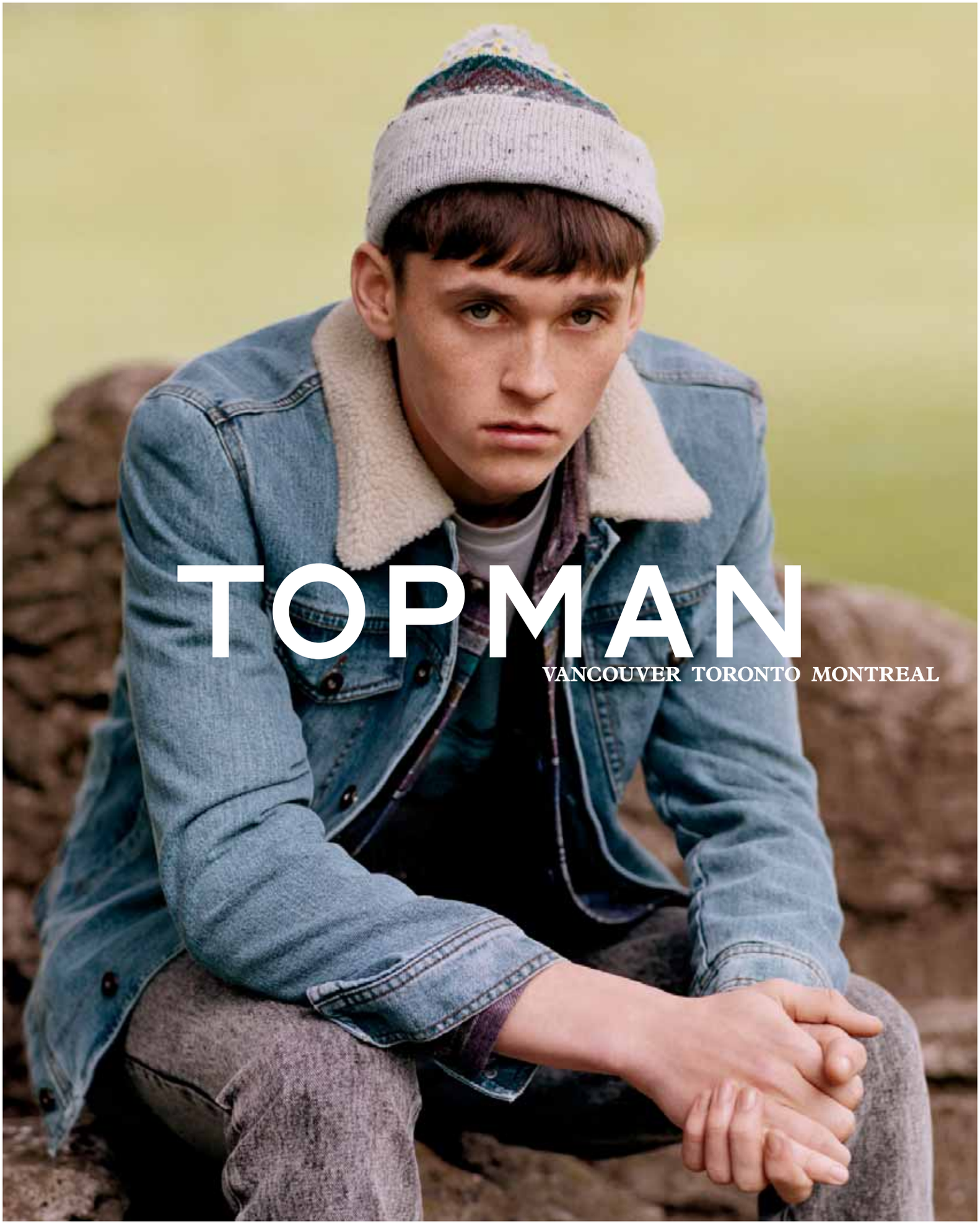
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